



## **Croquet CNSW COVID-19 Guidelines**

**Date of Guideline: 8 November 2021: Changes since last guideline (October 18, 2021): Indoor gathering size increased to 1 person per 2 square metres but a COVID-19 Safety Plan is needed for indoor gatherings. No restrictions on travel within NSW for vaccinated players.**

**These guidelines are provided for the use of players and clubs. We use our best endeavours to keep the guidelines up to date. Moreover, these guidelines set a minimum level only. Clubs should consider their own circumstances and if appropriate introduce stronger measures. This has already happened with a number of clubs.**

The NSW Government and the Office of Sport issue press releases, health orders, announcements, guidelines and regulations under State emergency powers from time to time to take into account changes to COVID-19 case numbers and outbreaks. Our insurers have advised that our liability insurance remains in place provided the guidelines are followed.

As croquet is not the primary focus, CNSW often needs to seek further guidance about the application of the amended orders and guidelines for croquet. We seek advice from the Office of Sport who in turn seek advice from the Department of Health. The Office of Sport know the correct questions to ask. Guidance from the Office of Sport can be found at <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/>.

Whilst it is not a mandatory requirement clubs are strongly advised to complete a COVID-19 Safety Plan. Clubs should use the Outdoor Events template which can be found at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/outdoor-events>. A new template was issued on October 18.

The CNSW guidelines are updated in response to changes. Please let us know if anything has been missed or is not clear. Contact [treasurer@croquet-nsw.org](mailto:treasurer@croquet-nsw.org).

## **1. Executive Summary**

If players are fully vaccinated then play is effectively back to normal. **There must be space for 1 person per 2 square metres.** Clubhouses can open under the 1 person per two square metre rule. Check-In is still required and masks must be worn indoors.

Unvaccinated people can only play in a group of 2 and are limited to mixing with one other person.

Competitions are allowed for vaccinated players provided there is space for 1 person per 2 square metres.

There are no travel restrictions for vaccinated players.

Whenever croquet is played, always follow the hygiene rules and social distancing.

## **2. Which area applies to my club?**

All of NSW is classified as a general area but there are still provisions to declare areas of concern and stay at home areas.

## **3. Playing Croquet – Exercise or Sport or Outdoor Gathering or Community Sport?**

This is all simplified for now with croquet being categorised and outdoor sport and exercise gatherings of up to 1 person per 2 square metres.

## **4. Fully Vaccinated or Not Fully Vaccinated?**

You are fully vaccinated if you have had 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccination or you have a medical exemption.

Children under 16 years of age who are not fully vaccinated can generally follow the rules for fully vaccinated people so long as they visit certain businesses with a fully vaccinated member of your household.

You are not fully vaccinated if you have had:

- only one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination or
- no doses of a COVID-19 vaccination.

Under the health regulations Clubs are able to ask for proof of vaccination. Participants cannot be forced to show proof of vaccination status but if they do not, they are to be regarded as not fully vaccinated

## 5. Croquet as Outdoor Sport and Exercise

There has been a change in wording to regard croquet as outdoor sport and exercise. This definition now includes community sport.

Item	Details
Playing Conditions – Fully Vaccinated Participants	<b>Gatherings of up to 1 person per 2 square metres.</b> There is no distance requirement whilst playing but social distancing should be practiced whenever possible e.g., when organising games.  Clubs needs to take reasonable steps to ensure that all participants are double vaccinated. In practical terms there will be a need to sight a vaccination certificate as well as a requirement to carry proof of vaccination at all times. Clubs can refuse permission to play to participants who will not show proof of vaccinations
Playing Conditions – Not Fully Vaccinated	Up to 2 per gathering (can include a vaccinated player).
Travel	Travel is permitted between Greater Sydney and Regions for fully vaccinated persons
Sign In	Electronic Record Keeping is required – see Record Keeping.
Equipment	Sanitise before and after you play. Shared equipment such as croquet balls and clips should be washed in soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after use. Shared mallets should be wiped down before and after use.
Masks	Masks do not need to be worn outdoors. Masks must be worn indoors. Masks are required on Public Transport
Clubhouse	Clubhouses may be open subject to the one person per two square metre rule. Masks must be worn indoors. Indoor gatherings must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan
Club Meetings	Clubhouses are open but Zoom meetings work well.
Coaching	Allowed. No need to maintain distance
Competitions	Allowed as an outdoor sport and exercise but note travel restrictions. See playing conditions above for Fully Vaccinated and Not Fully Vaccinated participants (players, officials and helpers).

## 6. Travel Restrictions

Travel restrictions have eased for both fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated people.

- There are no travel restrictions for fully vaccinated people within NSW
- Fully vaccinated participants can car pool
- Unvaccinated participants must only travel with members of their household.

## 7. Hygiene Rules When Playing Croquet

- No member should play if unwell or waiting for the results of a Covid-19 test or been overseas or in a hotspot in the previous 1two days.
- Clubs should complete and display a COVID-19 Safety Plan. Clubs can download a template from <https://www.nsw.gov.au/register-your-business-as-covid-safe>. The template allows you to choose Community Sport as a business type. The NSW Office of Sport encourages sporting organisations to register as a COVID-19 Safe business and display your COVID-19 Safety Plan. Many croquet clubs have already done this. Clubs should use the template for outdoor events <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/outdoor-events>.
- Shared equipment should be cleaned and sanitised before and after use. Croquet balls should be washed with soap and water as the manufacturer has advised that alcohol wipes may affect the colour. Hoops clips etc should be wiped with sanitising wipes or washed in soap and water
- Clubs should provide sanitiser and wipes for member use and members should be asked to bring their own supplies as well. Sanitise before and after play.

## 8. Record Keeping

Clubs are required to continue to take reasonable steps to ensure people can check-in or provide their contact details to when they enter your premises.

Keep a record of name, contact number and entry time for all staff, volunteers, participants, spectators and contractors attending community sports activities, where this is practicable, for a period of at least 28 days. Electronic collection (e.g., using a QR code which is issued when you register your COVID-19 Safety Plan) of contact details for each person is strongly encouraged.

If customers do not have the Service NSW app on their phone, they can check in using the Service NSW webform

<https://apply.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-safe-check-in-webform/>

If there are unexpected circumstances which prevent the use of electronic methods to collect customer contact details, you can manually collect customer contact details using paper and pen. Any paper records must be entered into an electronic format, such as an Excel spreadsheet or Word document, within 12 hours of manually recording the details.

Electronic records need to be produced within two hours of a request from an authorised officer.

## 9. Social Gatherings and Outdoor Recreation

Gatherings in general areas are limited to 1 person per 2 square metres with an overall cap of 1,000 if you do not have a Covid Safety Plan.

## 10. Corporate Hires

Corporate hires must have their own COVID-19 Safety Plan and follow the rules for outdoor gatherings as well as sport and exercise. Note that all attendees would need to be double vaccinated

## 11. Clubhouses

Clubhouses can open but are subject to the **one person per two square metre rule**. Masks must be worn indoors.

- Clubs are must a COVID-19 Safety Plan if clubhouses are open. Masks must be worn indoors. Clubhouses must display the maximum number of people in the clubhouse (even if it is closed) at one time based on one person per two square metres.
- Kitchens can open under the conditions specified in your COVID-19 Safety Plan. Please note that surfaces must be cleaned at least once a day using gloves and an appropriate cleaner. Kitchen utensils and food should not be shared so use disposable items.
- There are no specific requirements for food but the principles of hygiene and not crowding apply. Food should be prepared under a COVID-19 Safety plan, so it is not advisable to bring food from home for consumption by others. Gloves/paper towels should be used to handle items
- Club meetings and AGMs may be held within the clubhouse, subject to the conditions of your COVID-19 Safety Plan

## 12. Croquet Competitions

Community Sport is allowed for fully vaccinated participants. Croquet competitions can be played under the rules for outdoor sport and exercise. Please note the travel restrictions between Greater Sydney (including Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour

## 13. CNSW Competitions

**CNSW competitions have recommenced for fully vaccinated players now restrictions for fully vaccinated players have lifted.**

Only participants (players, officials and helpers) who have been double-vaccinated against COVID-19 will be permitted to take part in CNSW events until rules for unvaccinated people are relaxed. As a condition of entry participants must be prepared to show proof of vaccination at the event. Participants must not come if they are unwell or need to comply with stay at home orders.

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Hi Steve

Density requirements for both indoor and outdoor venues is now 1 person per 2 square metres. This means you can have as many people as you can in an outdoor gathering depending on the size of the ground or facility. For outdoor gatherings over 1,000 people and any indoor gathering a COVID-19 Safety Plan is required.

1.5m social distancing should be maintained where possible, but that would not include when playing exercise, etc....

I hope this is helpful

Cheers  
Chris

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Hi Chris,

Just a small question. Social distancing now seems to be a requirement of 1 person per 2 square metres. Is there still a requirement to be separated by 1.5 metres?

Thanks,

Steve Miles  
CNSW Treasurer