

Covid Vaccination advice for clubs within Western Australia

BAWA has received further advice from TBIB, the insurance brokers for the ABF. Note: it is the ABF that pays for Public Liability and Public Indemnity Insurance policies for all affiliated clubs.

- **Renewal due April 2022. The policy is expected to change based on COVID**
- Clubs are bound by Federal, State and local laws and must abide by these at all times. They should check with these authorities as well as the WA Sports Commission.
- If they choose to allow unvaccinated players to enter the premises they need to have rules and conditions for their entry and make it clear to all visitors that this is their policy. (eg wear masks)
- The policy should be shared and agreed on by the majority of members and they must make the policy public.
- If an unvaccinated player who has been in the club tests positive for Coronavirus the club should close immediately and notify members

'The current policy provides cover for claims made against the Clubs for injury to anyone (including members) that may occur as a result of a negligence policy is not act or as a result of a failure to act which causes the injury.'

ABF REQUIREMENTS

Mandatory vaccinations for 2022 Gold Point events

In order to provide a safe environment for players and officials at **ABF Gold Point** events, 2022 Covid-19 Event Plans will include the requirement that all players and officials to be fully vaccinated. For those ineligible to be vaccinated for medical reasons, a medical certificate confirming such ineligibility along with confirmation of a negative Covid test conducted within 3 days of commencement of the event will be required. **MyABF** has a tick box for players entering an event to confirm they have a vaccination certificates, or a medical certificate and a negative test confirmation.

BAWA REQUIREMENTS

BAWA supports the ABF's decision to require double vaccinations to Gold Point events and will include Open Red Points events in this decision. As of the 1st January all Gold and Red Point events will require as a condition of entry double vaccination. This will include Club Congresses. A current vaccination certificate will required to be sighted before the event. For those ineligible to be vaccinated for medical reason, a medical certificate confirming such ineligibility along with confirmation of a negative Covid test conducted within three days of commencement of the event will be required.

MyABF now has the facility to indicate you have received a double vaccination (under My Profile). Visual proof will be required at your first event undertaken and a register will be kept by BAWA of those players. Such evidence includes the production of an appropriate current Government issued vaccination certificate (electronically or in paper form).

For those players requiring a Covid Test in Western Australia the following information from the Department of Health gives testing sites and notes the fee if free.

[COVID testing clinics \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au)

Club Green Point events and Club closed Red Point events are the responsibility of the club. BAWA strongly suggests that all clubs become familiar with the COVID protocols before making the decision on vaccination requirements.

[COVID-19 coronavirus: WA's Safe Transition Plan frequently asked questions \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au)

To date the State Government has not mandated double vaccinations for clubs or small events. Please refer to the Regulations. All clubs should familiarise themselves with the implications of Public Liability and Public Indemnity Insurance if a decision is made to not impose a double vaccination policy.

[Australian Bridge Federation » Insurance Policies \(abf.com.au\)](https://abf.com.au)

If clubs make the decision to require double vaccinations please ensure that all privacy requirements are met, including no collection of medical information or records including IHI numbers.

From the **State Government** the following should be noted:

When 90 per cent coverage is achieved, the following public health and social measures will also be required, based on the most up to date health advice:

- Mask-wearing in higher risk indoor venues, such as public transport, hospitals, and aged care facilities.
- Using the SafeWA app or manual contact registers
- Revised COVID Safety Plans for workplaces and Event Plans for large events
- Requirement to show proof of vaccination (external link) to attend large events (1000+), nightclubs and the casino.

These measures may be scaled up or relaxed in accordance with the latest health advice at the time.

BAWA will continue to monitor the advice from the Commonwealth and State Governments, as well as the Australian Bridge Federation. This will include decisions on the timeline of the vaccinations and or booster

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