



Croquet CNSW COVID-19 Guidelines

Date of Guideline: 11 October 2021: Changes since last guideline (October 5, 2021): Relaxation of conditions for fully vaccinated players. 5km travel restriction lifted in Greater Sydney but Regional Areas and Greater Sydney cannot mix. Clubs will need to see proof of double vaccination. All of NSW is now classified as a general area. Too much has changed so new areas are not highlighted.

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>.

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.

1. Executive Summary

If players are fully vaccinated then play is effectively back to normal but gatherings are limited to groups of 20. Larger clubs will need to take care to keep players separate and stop players mixing (e.g. when draws are conducted). Masks do not need to be worn outdoors but must be worn indoors. Clubhouses can open under the 1 person per four square metre rule. Check-In is still required.

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

Competitions are allowed but the maximum gathering is 20 fully vaccinated people.

Persons from Greater Sydney (including the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour) cannot travel to regional NSW and regional NSW cannot travel to Greater Sydney, even for a day trip.

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 with gatherings of up to 20 fully vaccinated people. If you have more than 20 people attending you need to keep them separated so there is no gathering larger than 20. Larger clubs should introduce a process to maintain limits if a central draw is used for allocating games to players.

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. Players cannot be forced to show proof 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 Persons	Gatherings of up to 20 fully vaccinated people but social distancing should still be practiced. Be careful to keep gatherings separate with no mixing. Clubs needs to take reasonable steps to ensure that all players 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 players who will not show proof of vaccinations
Playing Conditions – Not Fully Vaccinated Persons	Up to 2 per gathering (can include a vaccinated player).
Travel	Restricted between Greater Sydney and Regions. See Travel restrictions. Car pooling is allowed if all persons are fully vaccinated
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 unless required because you are travelling on public transport. Masks must be worn indoors
Clubhouse	Clubhouses may be open subject to the one person per 4 square metre rule. Masks must be worn indoors.
Club Meetings	Clubhouses are open but Zoom meetings work well.
Coaching	Allowed
Competitions	Allowed as an outdoor sport and exercise but note travel restrictions. See playing conditions above for Fully Vaccinated and Not Fully Vaccinated players.

6. Travel Restrictions

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

- Greater Sydney residents can travel anywhere within Greater Sydney (including Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas), but can't enter regional NSW
- Residents in regional NSW are allowed to travel, but can't enter Greater Sydney
- Travel between Greater Sydney and the regions is allowed for work, medical and compassionate grounds
- You can't travel between Greater Sydney and regional NSW for holidays, recreation or exercise, even if it's just a day trip
- Unvaccinated persons must only travel with members of their household. Fully vaccinated persons can car pool.

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 14 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
- Social distancing applies at all times –1 person per four square metres and 1.5 metres between players. If you cannot maintain 1.5metres between players, then you should wear a mask. This is especially important when playing GC doubles and when coaching.
- 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 4 hours of a request from an authorised officer.

9. Social Gatherings and Outdoor Recreation

Gatherings in general areas are limited to 30 but if croquet is being played the limit is 20. Outside gatherings must allow at least 1 person to every two square metres and inside gatherings are 1 person for every four square metres. Masks must be worn indoors.

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. Outdoor gatherings can have up to 30 fully vaccinated people but are restricted to 2 people if anyone is not fully vaccinated. If croquet is being played the gathering is limited to 20. In practice it would be difficult to hold a corporate hire.

11. Clubhouses

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

- Clubs are strongly encouraged to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan. Masks must be worn indoors. Social distancing applies at all times. Clubhouses must display the maximum number of people in the clubhouse (even if it is closed) at one time based on one person per four 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

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. NSW Competitions

There are no NSW competitions at the current time. NSW competitions are expected to resume once and 80% double vaccination threshold has been reached and travel restrictions are lifted.

Only players who have been double-vaccinated against COVID-19 will be permitted to take part in NSW events until further notice. As a condition of entry players must be prepared to show proof of vaccination at the event. Players must not come if they are unwell or need to comply with stay at home orders.

Subject: RE: Croquet NSW
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Sent: 11/10/2021 5:34:15 PM
To: "Steve Miles" <treasurer@croquet-nsw.org>;

Hi Steve

I hope you had a nice weekend. Yes, it has been the start of another busy week!

In response to your questions:

1. Yes, masks are no longer required outdoors, unless in specific situations such as while waiting for public transport and while waiting for public transport. Masks are still required in all indoor areas though.
2. Yes, this has changed following the easing of restrictions across NSW from today which has brought all of NSW under the same set of restrictions. In the case of places previously in lockdown in NSW, these restrictions may have changed what could be done before. For sport and exercise activities, the current maximum outdoor gathering for fully vaccinated people is a group of 20. This includes players, officials, spectators, etc..
3. All of NSW is currently a General Area. The PHO still includes provisions for Stay-at-Home areas in case restrictions are imposed on a LGA (as flagged previously by the Government) due to high local rates of infection or low vaccination for example.
4. Yes, the outdoor gathering limit for exercise and outdoor recreation for non-vaccinated people is now 2 across NSW, including previous areas of NSW that were out of lockdown.
5. Yes, the total capacity of an indoor recreation facility must not exceed the total of more than 1 person per 4 square metres and any other relevant restrictions (e.g. if there is food and beverage, children under the age of 16 who are not fully vaccinated are required to be accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult from their household)
6. All current travel restrictions apply to both vaccinated and non-vaccinated people:
 - Greater Sydney residents can travel anywhere within Greater Sydney (including Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas), but can't enter regional NSW
 - Residents in regional NSW are allowed to travel, but can't enter Greater Sydney
 - Travel between Greater Sydney and the regions is allowed for work, medical and compassionate grounds
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For more information, please visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules> and <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-information#70-percent>

I hope this is helpful

Cheers

Chris

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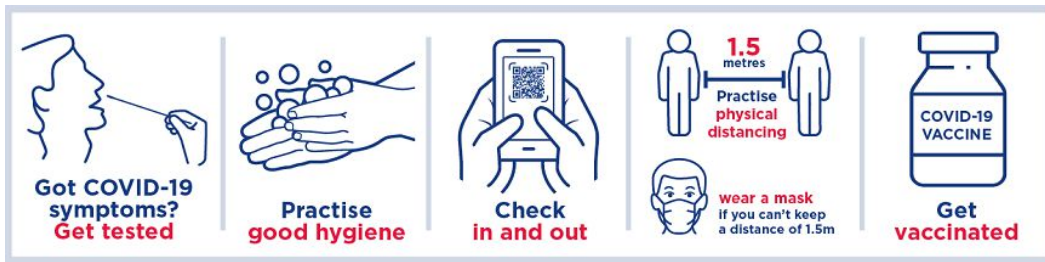
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From: Steve Miles <treasurer@croquet-nsw.org>
Sent: Monday, 11 October 2021 4:22 PM
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Subject: Croquet NSW

Dear Sector Capability,

It must be a busy day for you today. I have reviewed the new health orders and have a few questions. Please confirm that

1. Masks are no longer required to be worn outdoors unless using public transport
2. Croquet played as exercise seems to have a gathering limit of 20 people in stay at home areas and general areas. Previously up to 50 were allowed in general areas
3. Is the definition of stay at home areas and general areas still used or is the definition now Greater Sydney or Regional NSW
4. Is the gathering limit for unvaccinated people 2 anywhere in NSW even though it was 20 (or 50) in regional NSW
5. Clubhouses now seem to be open and are subject to the four square metre rule
6. What are the travel restrictions for unvaccinated people?

Thanks,

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