



# VALENTINE SPORTS PARK (VSP) COVID UPDATE – 15 December 2021

As New South Wales continues to navigate through the evolving nature of COVID-19, Football NSW has endeavoured to take the necessary steps to stabilise the game and make the required adjustments to ensure football remains in a strong position to recover.

With the continued easing of NSW Government restrictions, the Football NSW Board has approved a Safe Workplace (COVID-19) Policy for Valentine Sports Park (VSP) (Policy) in an effort to promote the resumption of football and reconnection of our communities, comply with work health and safety obligations, and to ensure a safe environment for all involved in the game.

The key aspects of the Policy are summarised below.

## Vaccination requirements

Effective immediately and notwithstanding any changes that may shortly be made to Public Health Orders, Football NSW requires the following persons be **fully vaccinated**, unless they have been granted an exemption by Football NSW in accordance with the Policy (including for medical reasons), and to use a QR code when entering the premises for contact tracing purposes:

- all Football NSW staff, including all office staff, casuals and Football NSW coaching staff, who are working for Football NSW other than at their place of residence; and
- all visitors over the age of 16 attending the **indoor areas** of VSP – including people attending meetings, tradespeople, hirers, users of the futsal court and patrons of the gymnasium, café and pool. NOTE: the changerooms below the VSP grandstand and the toilets on the concourse are not considered indoor areas for the purposes of the Policy.

Unless acceptable evidence of vaccination is shown to Football NSW, admission to these areas will be refused.

In line with community standards, Football NSW will continue to align its position with regards to outdoor activities with that of the NSW Government. To that end, the following groups are **encouraged but not required** to be fully vaccinated:

- players, coaches, match officials and spectators in competitions directly controlled by Football NSW (for example, the NPL and Football NSW Leagues); and
- visitors to VSP, who are in attendance only to participate in, or spectate at, an outdoor event (for example, football matches and training sessions).

For the time being, these groups will continue to be asked to use a QR code when entering VSP for contact tracing purposes.

## Scope

It is not the purpose of the Policy to dictate what steps Associations and Clubs participating in the NPL or in the Football NSW Leagues should take and these entities should determine what is most appropriate for their particular circumstances. They must, however, ensure compliance is maintained with prevailing Public Health Orders and with any directions issued by Local Council over the use of fields (where relevant).



For those Football NSW stakeholders to whom the Policy does not apply, Football NSW recommends the implementation of similar risk management strategies to those employed during the 2020 and 2021 seasons, including:

- asking participants to self-isolate if they feel unwell;
- not allowing a participant who tests positive for COVID-19 to return to football until receiving permission to do so from the health authorities;
- non-sharing of drink bottles;
- encouraging the dispersal of spectators;
- staggering the arrival and departure times of teams at grounds;
- promoting and providing hand-washing guidance;
- encouraging the provision of regularly refilled sanitisers within venues; and
- regular cleaning of change rooms.

Given the ever-changing nature of COVID-19, Football NSW will regularly review the Policy and reserves the right to amend it as and when required.

The Policy is available in full [here](#).



## Valentine Sports Park (VSP) Terms of hire effective 15 December 2021

1. Under the [Football NSW Safe Workplace \(COVID-19\) Policy](#) anyone aged 16 years and over entering **indoor areas of VSP** must be fully vaccinated or have an exemption, including staff, people attending meetings, tradespeople, hirers, users of the futsal court and patrons of the gymnasium, café and pool. NOTE: the changerooms below the VSP grandstand and the toilets on the concourse are not considered indoor areas for the purposes of this Policy.
2. Anyone aged 16 years and over entering **indoor areas of VSP** must sign in via the Service NSW QR code located at the point of entry.
3. Children under 16 years of age who are not fully vaccinated are permitted to attend indoor areas of VSP, without being accompanied by a fully vaccinated parent or guardian.
4. Hirers will be responsible to comply with the Football NSW Safe Workplace (COVID-19) Policy by checking the vaccination status of anyone aged 16 years and over in attendance at indoor events. Entry will not be permitted if evidence of vaccination or an exemption cannot be sighted by the hirer or Venue Staff.
5. For **indoor venue hire**, the hirer must identify and nominate a jacketed official who will be the group's COVID-19 Safety Marshal for the duration of the hire period, this person must be located at the point of entry to the indoor venue. This person will be responsible for: checking vaccination status, ensure sign in via Services NSW QR code, hand sanitising, maintaining social distancing and wearing a mask if applicable. If the hirer is unable to provide a COVID-19 Safety Marshal, VSP can provide Venue Staff at a cost to the hirer.

**Please nominate COVID Safety Marshal if applicable (Name and contact details required).**

6. For **outdoor venue hire**, the hirer must identify and nominate a jacketed official who will be the group's COVID-19 Safety Marshal for the duration of the hire period. This person will be responsible for ensuring that the activities conducted during the hire period are COVID safe.

**Please nominate COVID Safety Marshal if applicable (Name and contact details required).**

7. Maintain a 1.5m social distance at all times, where social distancing is not possible, mask wearing is recommended.
8. Observe COVID-19 information signage and staff advice in relation to seating, movement through the venue, capacity limits and entry and exit points to ensure physical distancing from others.
9. Persons attending the venue must confirm that they are well and must not have experienced cold or flu symptoms in the last 14 days, not have returned from overseas or any known case location as listed on the [NSW Health website](#) in the last 14 days.



10. Fields and facilities must be booked prior to use.
11. Hirers will need to consider bump in and bump out time when booking a hire session.
12. All Fields and facilities are available for hire.
13. The hirer will be required to contact VSP Operations on 0458 091 700 on arrival to be given access to fields and facilities.
14. Venue Staff on duty will be the nominated COVID-19 Safety Officer for the venue.
15. The Hirer will be required to leave the field no later than the allocated booking time.
16. Shower and changeroom facilities are available for hire, a cleaning fee may apply. VSP will provide gloves, paper towel and Virasan to wipe down surfaces and it is recommended to wipe surfaces before and after use.
17. The toilets located on the concourse level and car park are available for anyone over 16 years of age who is not vaccinated.
18. No players are to access the tunnel or change rooms unless hired.
19. Only authorised coaches and club officials will have access to the storage areas behind the change rooms. This access will be monitored by VSP Venue staff.
20. In accordance with the Portable Goal Handling Procedure only authorised hirers will have access to portable goals. VSP will provide gloves, paper towel and Virasan for the hirer to wipe down, before and after use, portable goals and sports equipment.
21. Practice safe hygiene, including washing hands regularly with soap and water and using hand sanitiser upon entry and exit.
22. VSP Venue staff have the authority to request people to leave the site if non-compliant with the [COVID Terms of Hire and Conditions of Entry](#)
23. Adhere to the NSW Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020 and related amendment orders.

I/we

on behalf of

(organisation name)

have read and accept the venue's Covid Safety Plan and the VSP COVID Terms of Hire. As the hirer I/we will ensure that I/we will abide by these COVID Terms of Hire and that these COVID Terms of Hire will be communicated to participants and visitors prior to attending the venue.

Signed

Date