



# Dog Training Committee

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## COVID-19 Dog Training / Obedience Event Management Plans

### Conducting Dog Training/Obedience Events under CPF ORANGE / RED LIGHT& SETTING

To be able to participate in or attend Dogs NZ events, exhibitors, public and event staff will be required to have either a digital 'My Vaccine Pass' QR Code on your phone or tablet; or a printed copy of your 'My Vaccine Pass' QR Code or a Government issued Vaccine Exemption certificate.

All clubs holding a Dogs NZ recognised Obedience, Scent work, Rally O event or CGC assessment will be required to check all participants' and attendees' vaccination status via the Pass Verifier App or by visual check, adhere to the event participation limits application at each level of the traffic light system, that apply to the club's region at the time of the event, and follow all other Covid-19 related government guidelines.

The following is a list of general principals and recommended mitigation on perceived pressure points for clubs running events in CPF ORANGE /RED LIGHT& SETTING



Be kind



These restrictions may impact on a club ability to run a traditional Dog Training/Obedience show but it is the "new normal" while in the time of COVID. Be kind and understanding with show management and it is an individual club choice whether or not to hold shows run under these conditions.

Any updated Government directions and/or advice overrides these Guidelines. Further information can be found at <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

### General Show Principals



Kia ora – vaccine pass required for entry



•ALL attendees, competitors, family members, judges and officials MUST have a valid 'My Vaccine Pass'.

• Children under the age of 12 years and 3 months do not need to provide a My Vaccine Pass

It is the responsibility of the organising club to ensure that everyone is vaccinated and verified. The club should have one person allocated to this task for the day. Ideally this should be done as people enter the grounds or when they pick up their competitor number.



The vaccine verifier app is downloadable to a phone or tablet from <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/my-covid-record-proof-vaccination-status/nz-pass-verifier>

No information is stored in this app, and no personal details about the person being verified are obtainable other than full name, date of birth, and whether their pass is valid or not. Any person who has a legitimate exemption from being vaccinated will still show as having a valid vaccine pass.



Scan QR codes and turn on Bluetooth tracing

- **QR Codes and a Sign-in Sheet MUST be made available**

**Every individual entering the grounds MUST either scan the code or fill in the sign-in sheet.**

**It is the responsibility of the organising club to ensure that everyone signs in** (this is a legal requirement). The club should have one person allocated to this task for the day. This must be done as people enter the grounds. Sign in sheet must include fields for date, name, phone, address details, time in & out.

To create a QR Code: <https://covid19.govt.nz/business-and-money/businesses/get-your-qr-code-poster/>

Non-QR ways of collecting personal information for contact tracing must be protected and private. You cannot use an open sheet or register left in a public-facing position where personal information is visible to others. The easiest way to enable sign-in for those who cannot use the contact tracing app is a box with individual paper slips or cards for people to fill in the name, date, phone number and time. Printable record keeping slips, box stickers and box templates can be found here <https://covid19.govt.nz/posters/>

Guidance on mandatory record keeping for contact tracing can be found here: <https://www.privacy.org.nz/publications/guidance-resources/guidance-on-mandatory-record-keeping-for-contact-tracing/> This includes advice on storage and disposal.



Stay home if you are sick

**Unite against COVID-19**

- **IF YOU ARE DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS, STAY AT HOME!**





Please wear a face covering

- **Government guidelines are to wear a mask whenever possible.** At minimum, masks must be worn when you can't maintain a safe distance from other people not in your bubble. Your bubble for the show can include people you are sharing accommodation with.

For the safety and comfort of others, if you can't wear a mask, please try to maintain social distancing from people not in your bubble

If Clubs wish to have a mask mandate at their shows, they need to respect any person who has a mask exemption certificate.



Please keep 1 metre apart

- Whenever possible try to **keep at least 1 meter apart** from others and limit person-to-person contact.

- **RED LIGHT** Events are **limited to 100 people**, excluding officials.

- The names of all "Officials" **should** be documented and kept by the club or can be printed in champ show catalogues, and be included in all ribbon trial flyers, for the purposes of record keeping



Wash and sanitise hands often

- Hand washing facilities with paper towels available and clear signage relating to hand washing is visible. Sanitizer should be available at all rings and at sign in.

- Show manager to outline all safety procedures at the start of each day to all people on the grounds / venue.

A range of downloadable posters with key messages are available here

<https://covid19.govt.nz/posters/> Clubs are encouraged to display these as appropriate



# Event Management Details

## 1. Social distancing& Mask Wearing

Government guidelines continue to advise to wear a mask whenever possible. At a minimum, masks should be worn when you can't maintain a safe distance from other people.

Examples of times when masks **are** to be worn include:

- Show Managers briefing
- Watching the Course Walking
- Visiting the call board to check running order/position
- Lining up /warming up for your turn in the ring -if there are other people in close proximity
- Competitors can carry their mask in their pocket while competing. Or place in a personal zip-lock sealed bag, and placed in/on ringside receptacle
- If you have an exemption, please let the Show Secretary know before the show and provide proof of the exemption - For the safety and comfort of others, if you can't wear a mask, please try to maintain a distance of at least 2M from people.
- Generally when not competing in a specific activity maintain a 2M social distancing from people you don't know and wear a mask

## 2. Grounds Management

- Maintain appropriate distance/space between vehicles.
- Don't run dogs in large packs on the grounds and keep your dogs on leash
- Clubs should consider placement of the rings (outside) and/or if necessary they can reduce the number of rings (inside venues) as a way of increasing space and improving physical distancing (if numbers support this)
- Clubs could consider staggering course start times to reduce congestion at course walks –(particularly for indoor venues)
- Do not share equipment – e.g. chairs/poo bags

## 3. Catering:

- Catering at various **Traffic lights** needs to follow the respective government. Guidelines - people ideally should provide their own food
- Clubs should not provide self-service tea and coffee facilities particularly at the **RED/ORANGE** levels
- Judges / Stewards lunches can be provided, however only one person to prepare and provide this

**If catering is supplied please note: Hospitality rules apply.**

- You are selling food – handling cash – make sure food is covered or individually wrapped and not handled by competitors prior to sale.
- Maintain social distancing and mask wearing at point of sale
- Food to be fully taken away and eaten at competitor at a set up spot away from rings
- Or people are to be seated at a table where the food is sold.



#### 4. Ring Management

- The running order to have at least 1m clear space around it - marked with tape/chalk/spray paint or similar for outdoors and it should be placed away from ring entry /exits – allowing for safe (one person) entry and exit of the ring (especially if separate entry & exit points are not in place.
- Spray or wipe sanitizer to be available at the ring
- No more than 1 team (Handler and dog) combination, should be warming up at any one time **near** the ring entrance
- A separate receptacle /table or chair needs to be available for handler Dumbbells (ideally these could be placed in a **zip-lock bag** and placed either in a small receptacle on the table or chair outside the ring –This reduces the risk of chemicals /disinfectant tainting your dogs' dumbbell.
- Disinfectant or wipes to be used at regular intervals. Sanitise the “holding” receptacle /table or chair
- Leads to be carried by Handler (out of sight) when competing – Steward should not take leads
- Handlers should be mindful not to be in the holding area at the same time as the previous dog is finishing.

#### 5. Prize-giving

- Minimum distances to be maintained • No hand shaking • Masks should be worn if 2M distancing is not maintained
- Please adhere to safe hygiene/ handling of Challenge / TCQ certificates/ Ribbons etc – by limiting the number of people handling these. Each person should sanitise prior to handling them.
- At prize-giving, the same person could put these on a table or similar for place getters to pick up one at a time.
- No cash - prize money to be internet deposited instead of cash.

#### 6. Judges

- Some judges may elect not to accept/honour contracts while the country is under Covid-19 pandemic conditions. Dog Training Committee supports our judges' individual choice. Judges may decline to be billeted under various Covid-19 Levels – clubs may need to arrange alternative accommodation

#### 7. List Of Recommended Supplies for Clubs:

- QR Code Posters
- Sign-in sheets
- Hand Washing posters
- Sanitizer
- Disinfectant or Antiseptic wipes OR spray
- Disposable Nitrile Gloves
- Disposable face masks
- Soap and paper towels in toilets
- Spare zip-lock plastic bags

