



New Zealand Canoe Polo Association Incorporated

Competition Guidelines for Level 2 (Covid-19)

I. Gathering limitations, contact tracing and social distancing

a. Sport New Zealand Guidelines

The Sport New Zealand Guidelines for Level 2 provide that community sports are limited to groups of 100 people in a **defined space**. This 100-person limit includes all players, officials and spectators. However, multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated.

A sports field can have multiple **defined spaces**. This may be by keeping people in groups of up to 100 or by keeping groups separate through consistent 2 metre physical distancing when outdoors. These groups are prevented from intermingling or sharing common facilities at the same time.

People may participate in team sport and physical activity, including where physical distance cannot be maintained. This means that training and competition for contact sports will be possible if other public health measures are observed. Participants should maintain physical distancing when not participating in the sport or activity.

Facilities and events must keep a contact register recording contact details for everyone who visits and display the NZ COVID Tracer QR code at every entry point.

b. NZCPA guidelines

Overview

The Canoe Polo Facility will be split into a number of defined spaces, including:

- Each court
- Spectator area for each of the courts
- Player areas for each of the courts

Each of the defined spaces will be sectioned off to stop spectators and players moving freely between groups. Each of the defined spaces will have its own IDme code to track movements in the different spaces. This is except for the court area, where the competition schedule will be used to track competing teams and duty teams in each of the court areas. The IDme code allows multiple people to be scanned through at a time on one device.

The court area is the only space in which social distancing will not apply. Social distancing will apply in the spectator areas for each of the courts and in the player areas for each court (though not between team members).

Toilet facilities will be provided for each player area and the changing facilities will have a dedicated changing room for each grade/gender.



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A map of the Canoe Polo Facility should be distributed to competitors, spectators, coaches and administrators prior to the tournament being held. This map should outline the different defined spaces of the venue, exit and entry points in these spaces, and key facility locations.

Courts

- Each court area will include the canoe polo pitch and the referee area for that pitch.
- Between matches, all people will need to leave that 'space' before the next group enter.
- Sanitiser will be available and is required to be used as each player enters the court 'space'.
- Each grade having its own entry point throughout the tournament and there being no cross-contact between grades.
- We do not consider it necessary for each 'bubble' to be limited to one court for a whole tournament, provided that the above entry requirements and cleaning measures are in place.

Player Areas

There will be a player area for each court, which will be sectioned off as its own 'bubble'. Each player area will have its own IDme QR code. Each team will have its own space where team members can interact. Social distancing will not apply between team members but applies between non-team members.

Entering the Canoe Polo Facility

Sanitizer will be available at every entry to the Canoe Polo Facility. Touch points (e.g. handles) will be regularly sanitized.

Spectator areas

Social distancing will apply in the spectator areas. Each spectator area will have its own IDme QR code. The IDme code allows multiple people to be scanned through at a time on one device. Grandstand seating will be available, with every second seat being closed off to maintain distancing.

As social distancing applies in the spectator areas, it is fine for spectators to move between different spectator areas throughout the tournament.

II. Equipment Sharing

a. Sport New Zealand Guidelines

Under the Sport New Zealand Guidelines, equipment that is shared by people but at different times (e.g. a club kayak) should be cleaned before and after each use.



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Measures should be taken to minimise the sharing of equipment/balls/uniforms. However, for sports or activities where equipment must be shared ensure that all participants wash and dry their hands before and afterwards, and clean and disinfect the equipment before and afterwards.

b. NZCPA guidelines

Each court will have its own drum of soapy water solution. If gear is required to be shared, this gear will need to be washed in the drum before handing on to the next user. Cloths will be in the drums to wipe boats/paddles. Equipment should be avoided being shared between courts.

Competition balls will be dipped into the drums by the official referee before each game.

Score tables will have their own hand sanitizer which will be required to be used by each person on duty. Disinfectant wipes will be supplied, with score tables, keyboards and other shared duty equipment required to be wiped down. The next duty team will not be able to enter the duty area until the previous duty team has finished sanitizing the equipment and left the duty area.

Whistles are not to be shared between referees.

III. Miscellaneous issues

Referees, coaches and managers with teams in different grades

Referees, coaches and managers with teams in different grades may be required to move between defined spaces. In doing so, these persons are required to adhere to social-distancing and scan the IDme QR code for each of the defined spaces they move through.

Accommodation

NZCPA encourages schools/clubs to not intermingle outside of the Canoe Polo Facility, including at shared accommodation. However, NZCPA recognises that this is not within its authority or responsibility, and that accommodation providers will have their own rules to be followed.

Change-over times

Players are only to enter the water prior to each game where the game prior is from the same grade. Where there is a change in grades on a court, players will not be able enter the court area until all players from the previous game have vacated the court area. In such cases, there will be longer time given between games to allow changeover between duty teams, players and spectators. Where possible for the Canoe Polo Facility, different points of entry and exit should be provided for the teams beginning and finishing the game.

Vendors

Vendors are to provide their own QR code which users will need to use. Vendors will be situated outside the playing court areas. Social distancing is required in queues.



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Players playing between 2 grades

Players will be unable to play between 2 grades.

Sickness

Anyone who has been ill in the past 2 weeks with flu-like symptoms such as the following is not to participate in the tournament, nor attend as a spectator:

- a new or worsening cough
- fever (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Face coverings

It is up to individuals to choose whether to wear face coverings, though these are strongly encouraged where there is difficulty in social distancing.

Level 2.5

If parts of New Zealand are in level 2.5 or above at the time of the competition, they will be unable to compete.