

COVID-19 specific Health and Safety Plan

Event name:	New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Championship (NZSSOC)
Event organiser:	Counties Manukau Orienteering Club (CMOC)
Event location(s):	21 July 2022 - Mountfort Park/Leabank Primary School/James Cook High School 22 July 2022 – Kohehohe, Douglas Road, Awhitu Peninsula 23 July 2022 - Muirs Farm (private property), Boundary Road, Awhitu Peninsula
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Purpose

The purpose of this document, the COVID-19 specific Health and Safety Plan (“the Plan”) is to define the overarching requirements for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships (NZSSOC) 2022 event and competition organisers. The policies and plan contained within are also to be made available to all relevant/interested sporting organisations, competing schools, competitors, supporters, volunteers and event administration.

While more specific rules relevant to the specific competition sites (of Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3) may also be developed, they will align with and not be inconsistent with this Plan.

This plan draws upon the material and guidance from Government (<https://covid19.govt.nz/>), Ministry of Health Manatū Hauora (<https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>), Sport NZ Ihi Aotearoa (<https://sportnz.org.nz/>), and our National Sporting Organisation (NSO); Orienteering New Zealand (<https://www.orienteering.org.nz/>).

Traffic Light; **Orange**

The COVID-19 Protection Framework’s traffic light system protect Aotearoa New Zealand from COVID-19, while allowing people greater freedoms.

At this stage we are operating upon the basis that New Zealand’s current traffic light setting of Orange will remain in place for our Event. The policies and plan within this document have been developed with the current setting/definitions in mind.

Please note that the COVID-19 pandemic is an evolving situation, and we will be regularly

reviewing the current advice for updates/changes. We retain the obligation to amend our policies and plan(s) at any time to maintain consistency with the current advice from Government and relevant sporting organisations. Any changes will be immediately advertised online and communicated to stakeholders.

COVID-19 Policies for NZSSOC 2022

It should be noted that Orienteering is an outdoor sport. Sport NZ's guidance for sport at Orange is a valuable resource (<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/5019/play-active-recreation-and-sport-at-orange-full-guidance-4-4.pdf>):

“At Orange, there will be community transmission, with pressure on our health system. The whole of health system is focusing its resources on managing Covid-19 demands, but can still deliver primary care, public health, and hospitals. There may also be an increasing risk for at-risk people. Good hygiene and sanitation, and home isolation will continue to be key tools to minimise the spread of the virus. Face masks are strongly encouraged whenever you leave the house.”

Capacity Limits; There are currently no capacity limits indoors or outdoors. However, where it is difficult to physically distance from people you do not know, we will encourage attendees to wear face masks.

Staff Awareness; Induction and daily briefings will be delivered to staff, volunteers, vendors and contractors to ensure they are familiar and will comply with how the event plans to operate safely.

Commercial/food vendors; Retail facilities and other workplaces can open with no limits. Individual businesses will be expected to follow MBIE and WorkSafe NZ advice.

Attendance on the day; As always, you should stay home if you are unwell and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5433 for advice about getting tested

Facemasks; While not required to wear a face mask outdoors, at a sporting or recreation event, when you are exercising, or playing sport, but are encouraged whenever you leave the house. Attendees will be encouraged to wear facemasks in any areas that are crowded or where they are unable to maintain safe/comfortable physical distancing.

Hand Hygiene; Washing your hands is one of the easiest ways to maintain safety. Avoid touching your face, including your eyes, nose or mouth, if your hands are not clean. Hand sanitiser is also effective at killing germs and viruses. Sanitiser is also effective in reducing the number and type of germs on your hands.

Confirmed Case Management; If a confirmed case has attended the event, we will consider which day of the multi-day event this information has become known, how far the potential infection could have spread; the exposure and networking of the case and consult with the Ministry of Health for advice on whether the event can carry on safely, or if a delay and how this could impact the effect on event should be implemented.

The COVID-19 Plan for NZSSOC 2022

Prior to the event

4 weeks; we will be distributing the policies so that all parties are aware, will comply and feel safe as the event is being managed within the current guidelines for their safety.

1 week; we will be issuing a reminder of the COVID symptoms and what to do if they have these symptoms, who they should contact, not to attend if sick, or if they are awaiting the result of a test due to exposure concern.

Day of operations

We will be using signage fixed at key/strategic high visibility points for maximum exposure, and the PA/Commentators to continually advertise and reinforce the messaging.

Sanitiser will be provided to ensure that there is enough for the planned competitor numbers and supporters.

Portable toilets will also be provided, and all will have hand washing/sanitising facilities.

The COVID-19 Action Summary for NZSSOC 2022

The following table illustrates the timing and nature of action that will address the policies.

Actions	Actions to eliminate / mitigate COVID-19 risks							
	Bulletin	Newsletters, (and/or vendor contracts)	Digital / social media	Event website	In-person briefings	Signage	Commentators/ loudspeakers	Hand sanitiser (provided)
Capacity Limits	Y		Y					Y
Staff Awareness				Y	Y			
Commercial/food vendors		Y			Y			
Attendance on the day			Y	Y		Y		
Facemasks	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Hand Hygiene		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Confirmed Case Management	Y				Y			