

UWA **WEST COAST** **SWIMMING CLUB**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - COVID19 vaccination policy - action required before 31 January for all people 16 years and over entering UWA Labs Gym at HBF Stadium

UWA – West Coast Swimming Club (Club) – COVID19 vaccination policy

In managing the squad program and other activities the Club has had to manage various COVID19 risks. A key part of our approach has been to follow all Western Australian Government restrictions in order to minimise the risks for our employees, members and volunteers. We have also worked closely with the venues in which we undertake our Club activities, namely Venues West as operator of HBF stadium and UWA Sport as operator of UWA Crawley and also our gym at HBF Stadium. We comply with any venue specific requirements.

Western Australian Government COVID vaccination requirements

As you are aware the WA Government has announced mandatory COVID19 vaccination requirements for certain people and certain venues. To date none of these restrictions have applied to our people or our venues.

However, from Monday 31 January 2022 proof of COVID-19 vaccination requirements will apply to people aged 16 years and over that enter the following venues (which are relevant to Club activities):

- Gyms, fitness studios and centres;

Community sport (which includes the Club) are excluded from the proof of vaccination requirement unless at one of the specific venues listed in the government rules.

COVID19 Vaccination requirement which apply to Club activities

There is no general requirement for our Club coaches, members, or volunteers to be vaccinated to participate in swimming activities at either HBF Stadium or UWA Crawley. However, we strongly recommend that all our coaches, members, and volunteers have their first, second, and booster COVID vaccinations as soon as they become eligible.

Club Coaches, members and volunteers who enter the UWA Labs Gym at HBF Stadium are required to provide the Club with evidence that they are either double vaccinated or have a medical exemption. The best way to provide this evidence is to

use the Service WA app. Other forms of vaccine proof can be used but will also require the person to provide ID.

Provide proof for vaccine or medical exemption

We will arrange times this week for each squad to meet with Squad Admin and provide their proof of vaccination.

The acceptable forms of vaccine proof or medical exemption are in the attached document. The best method is to download the ServiceWA app and load your vaccine certificate or medical exemption on the App.

You just need to show this to Squad Admin once and it will be recorded in your squad record. Swimmers 16 years and over who haven't provided this proof will not be able to train in the gym until they provide proof.

Other COVID19 measures

We are currently reviewing squad programming to seek to limit the interaction of swimmers and coaches in different squads. This is important because if a coach or swimmer contracts COVID19 then all those participating in that squad may be a close contacts and so have to isolate.

Don't come to training (swimmers and coaches) if unwell

As we head towards Nationals and Junior States it becomes increasingly important that you don't come to training if you are unwell. We know you love swimming so much you can't bear to miss a single session. However, to speed your recovery, and avoid making your squad mates sick, please stay home if you are unwell.

If you have any questions in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Peter Foley or Siobhan Du Preez.