**Special Olympics Club Events – Covid Protection Framework | Red**

**Vaccine passes**

* All athletes, volunteers, coaches and officials attending a Special Olympics Club Event must hold a current vaccine pass.
* SONZ will work with clubs to gather and store vaccine pass information – and provide reports to clubs to support their event planning.
* Event managers will be responsible for checking the vaccine passes of officials and spectators where applicable.

**Event size**

* Events can have up to 100 athletes involved (see notes below re spectators).
* New – coaches, volunteers and officials are classified as *workers*, who no longer contribute to this number.
* Spectators – Indoor events
  + If you wish to have spectators at indoor events, these will count towards the capacity limit of 100. This could impact the number of athletes that can participate, so you may want to consider whether having spectators is necessary.
* Spectators – Outdoor events
  + As long as spectators are fully separated from the event participants (athletes/volunteers/coaches), they do not contribute to the event size or capacity limit. They would be counted as their own ‘group’ of up to 100 people.

**Venue requirements**

* Some venues will have their own specific parameters or requirements around capacity numbers or other measures. Event Managers will need to work with them directly to understand any implications for their event.

**Masks**

* All athletes, coaches and volunteers need to wear masks at all times, except when playing sport, exercising while coaching, or eating/drinking. Masks need to attach around the head or ears; scarves or bandanas are no longer acceptable.
* There is a new requirement around the type of mask that coaches and volunteers need to wear, given they are classified as *workers.* The mask needs to be a medical grade mask. The most common and accessible type of medical grade mask that meets this requirement is the blue, pleated, disposable mask that you see many people wearing.

**Covid co-ordinator**

* MOH and Sport NZ have advised that every event requires a designated Covid co-ordinator, in the case that the event becomes a location of interest. This person may be required to assist with contact tracing efforts and be the single point of contact with the Ministry of Health.
* When planning your event, consider factors such as how you would notify participants if the event became a location of interest.

SONZ recommend the covid co-ordinator be a separate role to the event manager (where possible)

**General covid measures**

* Event Managers should plan for and implement a range of covid health measures to run as safe an event as possible i.e. people staying home if they’re unwell, high hygiene standards, using signage and announcements to communicate expectations, requiring everyone to scan in or having some other record of attendance.