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updated guidelines which can be found on our website, [here](#).

The changes to the My Vaccine Pass requirements, which come into effect from 11.59pm on Monday 4th April 2022, are currently being reviewed by CNZ for future CNZ events. More information will be shared with Associations and on our website when it is available.

I hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to the remaining croquet action for the 2021-22 season.

Jake Inwood

Chief Executive



It was exciting to hear the news from the Prime Minister that the restrictions under the Covid Protection Framework

would lessen from 11.59pm Friday 25th March 2022. These changes have enabled us to welcome back spectators for the remaining CNZ tournaments of the 2021-22 season. The lifting of capacity limits for outdoor gatherings and events happened just in time for the Don Reyland Stars Final. If you are competing in, or planning to attend any CNZ tournaments over the coming weeks, make sure you read the

CNZ Tournament Results:

Congratulations to the winners of the CNZ Tournaments held in March 2022;

Women’s AC Invitation

Winner: Jenny Clarke (Canterbury)

Arthur Ross Memorial Event Final

Winner: Greg Bryant (Wellington)

AC Invitations

Top 8: Paddy Chapman (Waikato-King Country)

Second 8: Vincent Commarieu (Auckland)

Third 8: Carissa Price (Manawatu-Wanganui)

0+: Steve Costigan (Canterbury)

Don Reyland Stars Final

Winner: Ricardo Pintor (South Taranaki)

You can read more about each of these tournaments on our website;

[Women's AC Invitation](#)

[Arthur Ross Final](#)

[AC Invitations](#)

[Don Reyland Stars Final](#)

Upcoming Tournaments

With the 2021-22 season quickly coming to a close, there are 4 CNZ tournaments still to be contested.

This weekend, 2nd and 3rd April, will see the GC Invitations contested at Matamata Croquet Club and Rose Gardens Croquet Club.

The 2021-22 CNZ tournament season will come to a close over Easter as some of the top young players converge on Heretaunga Croquet Club in Hawkes Bay to vie for the 2021-22 CNZ Terminator Mallets U21 GC Singles and Doubles titles.

You can keep up with all the results on Croquet Scores;

[Top GC Invitation](#)

[Second GC Invitation](#)

[Third GC Invitation](#)

[Terminator Mallets U21 GC Championships](#)

CNZ Laws Committee – Wrong Ball Rule

Croquet New Zealand Laws Committee would like to remind all GC players of their responsibilities under the Wrong Ball rule to forestall play. There are also additional responsibilities for a referee watching a game in which a wrong ball is played.

Players are **required** to forestall play if they believe a wrong ball is about to be played (Rule 10.1.2 in current Rules). It is better under current rules to stop your opponent than to deal with the matter after the stroke has been played.

Players are also **required** to forestall play straight away if they believe a wrong ball has been played in the last stroke (Rule 10.1.3). This includes after a sequence of wrong balls (reverse sequence) where play must be stopped **as soon as** the wrong ball play is noticed. In the latter case most players should call a referee if one is present, because Ball Swap is an option in certain circumstances as well as Replace and Replay.

Referees who are watching a game but not an Active Referee for the game (spectator referees) are **required** to intervene and forestall play immediately if they notice a player about to play a wrong ball or (more likely) see that a wrong ball has been played. This is also covered by Rules 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 and now explicitly stated in Refereeing Regulations R4, specifically R4.4. The situation is different from a few years ago when spectator referees were expected to sit quietly and watch a sequence of wrong ball play until the players themselves noticed.

Michael Hardman

Convenor, CNZ Laws Committee

New GC Rules

In early March 2022, the WCF approved the adoption of the 6th Edition of GC Rules.

These will come into effect immediately for all WCF events and will come into effect in New Zealand from **1st June 2022**.

You can find the new GC Rules, [here](#).

Ricoh Partnership



Croquet New Zealand is continuing to look for opportunities to partner with sponsors to help us deliver croquet programmes to develop, promote and grow croquet.

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Ricoh NZ to help deliver the Croquet Inclusion Project.

The Inclusion Project is an integral piece of work which will help showcase the inclusive nature of croquet and we look forward to seeing the benefits of this Project in the coming months.

Read more about this new partnership on our website, [here](#).

Club News

Fair Go – Geraldine CC

We hope the Croquet community were watching Fair Go on Monday 14 March. The friendly Geraldine Croquet Club in South Canterbury fronted up in terrible weather to play for the Fair Go cameras and make a point of rising electricity prices. It was a great experience filming and learning all that goes on behind the scenes. It was nearly 5 hours of filming to produce the 7-minute segment. We had a lot of fun turning our club rooms into a Bach to highlight the inequality of deals offered.

With Fair Go coverage we managed to raise the issue of the changes to the low user rates and promote the issues of costs for clubs and community groups. While we couldn't reduce our monthly power account, we received a

\$200 community donation from Trustpower and the Alpine Energy have offered to talk to us about sponsorship of an event. We also featured Croquet on prime-time television. We hope that some more people come along and give Croquet a go. A few more members to join our friendly club would be great.

If anyone missed the segment they can watch it on TVNZ On Demand, Fair Go, 14th March 2022.

The full story is on our sporty website.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldinecroquetclub>

Paraparaumu CC GC Teams Event



During 2021 there was an article in Croquet Matters that got the team at PCC thinking about a team's event. A couple of us got our heads together and came up with a format that worked well over the weekend of 12 – 13th March. A two-day event and 8 teams of three players. The format required one player in each handicap ranges 0 - 5, 6 - 8, and 9 – 16. Two divisions of 4 teams Two matches a day. A match was six games with singles against players in same handicap grade and doubles with each of the other team members. Level play. The games were all double banked with the single and doubles games. These player combinations worked well giving the higher handicap players an opportunity to play level play with more experienced players as well as playing within their own grades. All players went home tired after their last game, but from a quick survey were happy and keen to play in a similar tournament next season.