

University of New South Wales Outdoors Club Covid Vaccination Policy

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Authority: UNSW Outdoors Club Constitution

- Section 6.1: Effect of Membership
- Section 33.1: Committee to formulate regulations

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to protect all members and volunteers of the UNSW Outdoors Club (UNSWOC), as well as the broader UNSW and Outdoors Community by requiring all active members of the Outdoors Club to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to attend club organised trips and activities.

Application:

This policy applies to all UNSW Outdoors Club members attending trips or activities run by the club and includes:

- Active/Full Members
- Life Members
- Trip Leaders
- Club Executives
- Non-members attending open-nights, welcome BBQs or other non-member events

Definitions:

Approved Vaccine - any Covid-19 vaccine that has been approved for use in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration

Fully Vaccinated - means having attained the manufacturer's recommended dosage of an approved vaccine, or the defined number of vaccines to be "fully vaccinated" as per NSW Health and Government legislation.

Recognised Contraindication - means a medical condition or reaction to an approved vaccine that is recognised by the manufacturer of that vaccine. Recognised Contraindications must be confirmed and documented by an approved Medical Practitioner.

Club run activity - a sporting or social activity/event/trip that is organised or facilitated by the UNSW Outdoors Club.

Requirements to be vaccinated:

As of the 9th of February 2022, it will be a requirement for all Outdoors Club members to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 in order to attend and partake in club run activities, trips and events, unless they have been granted an exemption by the Club.

All members will be required to produce evidence of vaccination or exemption if requested by Outdoors Club trip leaders or events organisers. This evidence is only required to be sighted by an executive or trip leading member, and is not retained by the club. This evidence can be presented as a:

- Digital Covid-19 vaccination certificate in the Service NSW app or Medicare app
- Medicare issued Immunisation History Statement
- Digital Covid-19 vaccination certificate via the Service NSW equivalent app from other states or countries.
- Written correspondence with the club executive confirming an exemption for medical or religious reasons

Exemptions

The Outdoors Club recognises that some members may be unable to obtain a Covid-19 vaccination due to medical or religious reasons.

Any member with medical reasons for exemption must provide to the club a medical contraindication certificate. The NSW Government Covid-19 Vaccine Medical Contraindication form can be found at the following link:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/vaccine/Documents/covid-19-vaccine-contraindication.pdf>

Any member who is unable to be vaccinated for any other reason, including a sincerely held religious belief, can email the outdoors club at either president@unswoc.org or secretary@unswoc.org regarding their position. Each request will be handled on a case by case basis.

In order to ensure the safety of all Outdoors Club members, members who are granted an exemption for any reason may be subject to certain conditions or restrictions.

Information provided to UNSWOC

Any information shown to the Outdoors Club will be treated in strict confidence and only requires sighting by an executive member or trip leader. No personal information regarding a person's vaccination or exemption status will be stored on the website. Any member who provides information to the club is expected to do so truthfully and honestly. Failure to do so via false documentation or otherwise will be considered as misconduct within the club's constitution

and may result in disciplinary action in line with section 8 of the UNSW Outdoor Club's Constitution found on the club website.

Obtaining information about vaccination

Any member seeking information about vaccination is advised to consult with a Medical Practitioner or the NSW Health website and services.

Information about booking a vaccination within NSW can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/vaccination/get-vaccinated>

Compliance

Whilst the Outdoors Club hopes all members will comply with this policy on their own accord it recognises that some may choose not to be vaccinated.

As such, members who do not comply with the club's Covid-19 Vaccination Policy will be subject to restrictions on their ability to attend club run events. If a member is not vaccinated, the club reserves the right to refuse access to club run activities, events and trips.

Development of this Policy

The Outdoors Club will continue to monitor and assess both the operation of this policy and the developing COVID situation in NSW/Australia. The UNSW Outdoors Club may amend, withdraw or replace this policy at any time, in response to new information and guidelines provided by NSW government and health authorities.

Appendix

UNSW Outdoors Club Constituion -

<https://unswoc.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Outdoor-Club-Constitution-2019.pdf>