



**CORINGA GOLF CLUB**

## **COVID POLICY – UPDATE**

We are aware that Covid is a contentious issue and often individual opinions are very firmly held (whatever end of the spectrum they are!)

The Board believe we can protect everyone at the Club if we follow the current rules.

- Compulsory masks and social distancing in the ProShop (no more than 4 people plus staff at one time)
- Small, socially distanced groups on the Course
- Double vaccinated people only in the Café/Bar

These rules are based on the guidelines provided by NZ Golf (and as agreed with NZ Sport, the policy setting organisation for sport of the NZ Government). NZ Golf have stated that **golf is a safe sport for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated to play at all traffic light settings.**

However, we do also acknowledge that there is more risk when we hold major events or tournaments. **We have therefore decided that these events will, in the future, be open to holders of a valid vaccine passport only.** Examples of the events we are talking about are the monthly Watering tournament, Saturday shotgun starts like Opening Day, the Coringa Open, Canterbury Vets, major corporate tournaments etc.

For all such events, we will clearly communicate with players beforehand that these are the Club's Covid requirements for the day.

The Board believe that this a prudent measure, and also ensures we comply fully with the NZ Golf guidelines for playing under Covid restrictions

We also would encourage individuals to decide for themselves what protective measures they, as individuals, wish to take when they play at other times.

This might mean wearing masks while playing, leaving pins in the holes, making sure that everyone in your playing group is fully vaccinated (or playing with others if that's not the case). We would ask that we all respect each person's right to be on the course, and that we also respect each person's right to take whatever protective measures they feel are appropriate to keep themselves safe as we try to navigate this changing (and sometimes complicated) environment