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**Re: COVID and VACCINATION MANDATE**

Dear Members,

As Club Members we have been faced with many COVID challenges over the past 20 months, but with further announcements that Marlborough is to enter the COVID Traffic Light system /orange this week we are closer to transitioning to a less restrictive way of life.

The NZ Government has announced a new COVID Protection Framework (or Traffic Light System) which will replace the current Alert Level system at **11:59 pm on 02 December 2021.**

Some NZ districts will be in the Red level with other areas (Marlborough) in the Orange level for the foreseeable future. We are entering the holiday season which means the Club has to consider a framework that will act in the best interests of Members, Greenfee players, staff and visitors.

This notice summarises how the new COVID Protection Framework will affect us as a Club and the choices the Committee has made going forward.

Under the Health and Safety at Work Act, the Club is under a duty to provide a safe working environment for all our members, staff and visitors.

Whilst the Club respects every individual's right to his or her opinions and to their privacy, as a Club, and hospitality (Bar) provider, we are required to put in place policies which will satisfy the Government requirements which will allow us to continue to provide the services and facilities we all enjoy.

**What does this mean for us.**

The Club Committee has resolved to adopt the associated vaccination certificate program 'My Vaccine Pass' for the Club. This means that proof of double vaccination for all eligible age groups will become a condition of entry into Picton Golf Club Club house and Picton Golf Club competitions as of the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

Anyone with a verified exemption status to any of the Covid-19 vaccines may be asked for verification by a committee member.

Note that the course will be open to ALL green fee players, regardless of vaccine status, during this time but the Picton Golf Club will reserve the right to prohibit entry into the Clubhouse.

Accordingly, all members (and Visitors) will be requested to show their Vaccine Pass when entering a Picton Golf Club competition and/or gaining access to the Clubhouse. Member's vaccination status will be recorded on our Member List.

Regrettably, any Club Members, staff or visitors, who cannot comply with this directive, will not be able to enter Picton Golf Club competitions or enter the Clubhouse.

The Club Committee has taken the position that the integrity of our membership along with its genuine desire to protect the vulnerable will ensure that we can continue to operate within the new guidelines on a basis of trust.

As an organisation we are monitoring the changes in directions and legislation constantly and will update you with any new information as it comes to hand.

Kind Regards

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President

