

10 December 2021

Dear Tennis Community Member,

**Re) Covid Protection Framework at your tennis club**

Tennis NZ is supportive of **Taupo Tennis Club's** decision on how to navigate the Covid-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system).

Navigating through the guidance for red, orange, and green level, and understanding what obligations community sport has to keep players, volunteers, coaches and others safe has not been easy for anyone. Clubs all across NZ have taken an approach that is unique to their size, situation, and community, meaning there are a variety of scenarios ranging from vaccine passes required to enter the club, to vaccine passes only for club rooms or indoor spaces, to no vaccine passes required.

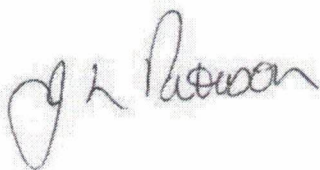
Ultimately, each club wants tennis to remain accessible to the community, and ensure they can operate as close to normal as possible, whilst following good public health guidance that gives members and other users confidence to play tennis.

The decision that **Taupo Tennis Club** has made has not been taken lightly, and Tennis NZ requests that you **respect this decision**, but most importantly **respect the individuals** that have been charged with the responsibility to make the decision.

All tennis club committees are made up of individual volunteers who have put their hands up to support tennis in their local community. This is a difficult job, which has been made a lot more challenging by Covid-19. Threats, abuse or poor behaviour towards these individuals will not be tolerated and Tennis NZ will provide full support to clubs or individuals that need it.

If you have any questions about the traffic light system or want to know more about the guidance that has been provided to **Taupo Tennis Club** by Tennis NZ, Sport NZ, and Government, you can find it [here](#), or email [info@tennis.kiwi](mailto:info@tennis.kiwi).

Thank you for your understanding of **Taupo Tennis Club's** decision on this difficult issue.



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