

COVID-19 Vaccinations FAQ 2021-22: Protecting our People

20th October 2021

Background:

The Victorian Government has announced mandatory vaccination requirements for all authorised providers and authorised workers (including volunteers) who are not working from home. This applies to the 'Physical Recreation' sector, which includes community sport, and Little Athletics.

The Government's intent is to maximise vaccination levels of authorised workers, including volunteers, to protect themselves, their families and all of Victoria.

Purpose:

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions related to COVID-19 vaccinations in a Little Athletics context.

The FAQ are subject to change and will be updated based on the latest Government information available.

LAVic will continue to build on this document as more information comes to hand.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the current requirement on COVID-19 vaccinations for attendance, participation, and delivery of Little Athletics activities?

In accordance with Victorian Government directions, all volunteers, employees, students on placement & contractors **attending, participating, or delivering** Little Athletics activities **in person** in Victoria must have had their first vaccination by Friday 15th October 2021, or have a booking by Friday 22nd October 2021, and be fully vaccinated by 26th November 2021 (or have a medical exemption, evidenced by an authorised medical practitioner).

This includes all supervising adults, **parents/guardians**, coaches, officials, Committee members, Associate Members and Honorary Members, who **attend, participate in, or deliver activities in person**, at all levels of the sport.

2. What happens if I don't meet these requirements?

If you do not meet these requirements, you cannot attend, deliver, or participate in person any Little Athletics activity in Victoria.

You cannot attend/deliver/participate in person unless you:

- Have had one vaccination dose by Friday 15th October, or a booking for the first dose by Friday 22nd October;
- Are double vaccinated by Friday 26th November;
- Have a valid medical exemption, provided by an authorised medical practitioner, such as a medical certificate or letter.

3. If I don't meet these requirements, can my child(ren) attend or participate in Little Athletics?

No. Athletes can only attend if they have a supervising adult in attendance responsible for them that meet the vaccination requirements.

Athletes can't be handed over to another parent for that parent to assume responsibility for that athlete(s).

4. Do athletes need to be vaccinated?

Government directions do not require athletes to be vaccinated at the current time.

5. My registered Little Athlete helps the Centre as a volunteer. Do they need to be vaccinated?

Yes, if 12 years or older and undertaking volunteer duties on the day

6. As a parent/guardian of a registered Trial Athlete, do these vaccination rules apply to me?

Yes.

7. As a parent/guardian, if I have a medical exemption, can I attend Little Aths?

Yes. You'll require a valid medical exemption, provided by an authorised medical practitioner, such as a medical certificate or letter.

8. If I'm vaccinated, but can't provide proof on the day, can I attend?

If the club has no previous record of your vaccination status, you are not permitted to attend a club activity in person.

If the Centre has no previous record of your vaccination status, you are not permitted to attend, you are not permitted to attend a Centre activity in person.

If the Region has no previous record of your vaccination status, you are not permitted to attend a Region activity in person.

If the Association has no previous record of your vaccination status, you are not permitted to attend an Association activity in person.

If you have provided evidence of vaccination and had this recorded previously, then, yes, you can attend the venue at which your vaccination status has been previously recorded

9. Will these Government vaccination rules change again? Will they be relaxed during the season? Could they be tightened even further?

The answers to these questions are unknown.

10. Do the vaccination rules apply to training and competition?

Yes, they apply to any sanctioned/official activity attended, participated in, or delivered in person at the club, Centre, Region or Association. Other examples include

attendance at committee meetings, working bees, Open Days, Skills Clinics, and education courses/seminars.

11. How will Centres/clubs/Regions/Association check the vaccination status of parents and other adults?

COVID Safe Officials will be requesting vaccination status of all adults upon entry. They are required to sight evidence of vaccination, and record vaccination status in accordance with the directions of the Chief Health Officer.

12. Will my vaccination certificate numbers be recorded? Will photos need to be taken of my documents as proof?

No. You will not be asked for these.

You are not required to supply vaccination certificate numbers or have images/photos of evidence taken & recorded as part of this process.

All details should be recorded and securely kept for the duration necessary to confirm compliance with the COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions.

Any personal or health information (including about vaccination status) collected, used, managed, stored, disclosed, or transferred must be in accordance with relevant Federal (Privacy Act 1988) and Victorian (Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014, Health Records Act 2001) legislation.

13. How do I show evidence of my vaccination status?

Evidence of vaccination status can include:

- Via Service Victoria app
- Vaccination confirmation card
- Vaccination booking confirmation advice.
- Immunisation history statement available from Medicare
- [MyGov COVID-19 digital certificate](#)
- My Health Record and Medicare online account
- Proof of relevant medical exemption (such as a medical certificate, or a letter from a GP).

14. Will I be able to use my Service Victoria app for both registering attendance and providing evidence of vaccination?

Yes. You can use it to register your attendance and to provide evidence of your vaccination status.

15. Is it compulsory to tell my Centre/club/Region/Association if I am vaccinated or not?

Yes. Under the Chief Health Officer's directions, **Centre/club/Region/Association** are required to collect and store volunteer's COVID-19 vaccination status if you are attending, delivering, or participating in person.

16. If I do not comply with the vaccination status requirements, can I still attend, deliver, or participate in person at a Little Athletics activity?

No.

The Centre/club/Region/Association has the authority to refuse entry. If you attempt to attend, deliver, or participate without complying with the vaccination status requirements, you will be asked to leave.

Any abusive behaviour will not be tolerated as it is a breach of the LAVic Code of Conduct. The matter may also be referred to the police.

17. Why do our people need to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

Little Athletics is required to comply with the Chief Health Officer's directions regarding vaccinations, in addition to other COVIDSafe measures, to protect public health and ensure the safety of all members, employees, and volunteers as well as the communities we live in and serve.

18. Do all community sports have the same vaccination requirements of parents?

No. Sports have different requirements of their parents. While Little Aths requires all its registered parents to volunteer during the season, other sports may not have the same requirements, and so the application of the Government rules will differ.

19. As a parent/guardian, I don't wish to be vaccinated and my kids can't participate while these rules are in place. Can I cancel my membership and get a refund?

Yes, LAVic will issue a full refund for members that cancel due to these vaccination rules. Requests for refunds are to be put in writing via email to office@lavic.com.au.

20. As a parent/guardian (or other volunteer) at a NSW Centre, do I need to be vaccinated?

Yes, everyone in attendance in Little Aths conducted in NSW, 16 years and over, is required to be fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption.

21. Committee members are elected/appointed under the Incorporated Association Rules, Committee members are volunteers. If a committee comprises of members with undeclared vaccination status or do not meet the vaccination requirements, what are the implications for the Committee member?

Committee members that are unvaccinated without medical exemption, or that have undeclared vaccination status, are not permitted to attend, deliver, or participated in an activity in person at the Centre and outside of the home.

22. If a committee includes members with undeclared vaccination status or do not meet the vaccination requirements, what are the implications for the Centre Committee?

The Committee needs to consider the ongoing ability of the individual Committee member to perform their existing Committee role whilst the individual does not meet the vaccination requirements.

If the Committee is of the view that the individual is unable to fulfil their role without leaving home, it needs to consider alternative means of fulfilling the role, and determine if suitable alternative work-from-home roles are available.

Version control

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20 th 2021	1.0	New document.