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**COMPETITION MANAGEMENT PLAN UNDER THE COVID-19 PROTECTION
FRAMEWORK**

1. You have requested advice on whether your draft protocols to run competitions under the COVID-19 Protection Framework comply with legislation.
2. The underlying legislation to the COVID-19 Protection Framework / traffic light system is the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Protection Framework) Order 2021 (the **Order**).
3. The protocols provided to us were in a document named *NZHGPA Competitions 2021/22 Covid Traffic Light System*, and provided (generally):
 - a. that the competitions will run regardless of whether the relevant region is in green, orange or red; and
 - b. that participants who show a My Vaccine Pass will be kept separate from those who do not show a My Vaccine Pass, with a 2 metre gap between groups maintained at all times.
4. We have reviewed the Order against your draft protocols. Generally, the protocols comply with the restrictions. We assume that the Association will also be complying with the usual contact recording and mask requirements but it would still pay to specifically refer to them in the protocols. These are discussed below.
5. We consider that holding the scheduled competitions under the (amended) protocols will be permitted under the Order and the COVID-19 Protection Framework.

Required Additions

6. In addition to the protocols already in place, the Association needs to ensure that:
 - a. there are systems and processes to ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable, each person attending the gathering scans a QR code or provides a contact record (this is a legal requirement under s 50 and s 43 of the Order) – note that the two different groups should have two separate QR codes;

- b. all workers and volunteers wear a mask unless one of the specified exemptions in section 11 apply to them (this is a legal requirement under s 50 and s 43 of the Order). This applies whether the workers regardless of which group they belong to; and
- c. there are the systems and processes in place during the competitions to ensure that:
 - i. all workers and volunteers wear a mask unless one of the specified exemptions apply; and
 - ii. the risks of spreading COVID-19 are mitigated when workers and volunteers are exempt from wearing a mask.

(this is a legal requirement under s 24 of the Order).

- 7. Pursuant to section 11 of the Order, your workers/volunteers are only exempt from wearing a mask:
 - a. *if the person—*
 - i. *is under the age of 12 years; or*
 - ii. *has a physical or mental illness or condition or disability that makes wearing a face covering unsuitable; or*
 - b. *when taking medicine; or*
 - c. *when eating or drinking; or*
 - d. *when in a defined or an enclosed space that is separate from the passenger area of a vehicle that is in use as part of a public transport service; or*
 - e. *when communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication; or*
 - f. *when asked to remove the face covering to ascertain the person's identity; or*
 - g. *if wearing a face covering is not safe in all of the circumstances; or*
 - h. *when in an emergency; or*
 - i. *when removal of, or not wearing, the face covering is otherwise required or authorised by law.*

- 8. We are happy to assist with further questions on this topic.

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