



## Vaccination policy

### Purpose

Under the Work Health Safety Act 2012, Adelaide Roller Derby (ARD) has an obligation to ensure, as far as reasonably practical, the health and safety of members, volunteers, participants and spectators who attend The Great Southern Slam (TGSS) 2022. As such, it is our responsibility to, where possible, eliminate or minimise any risk in our 'workplace'.

As TGSS will see people from all over Australia gathering closely, sweating all over each other and breathing in each other's faces, ARD has instigated a vaccination requirement as a condition of entry for all participants. This decision was made to ensure, as far as possible, that we keep protect the health of our community and ensure the safe continuation of our sport.

### Policy statement

The following policy adopted by Adelaide Roller Derby (ARD) The Great Southern Slam (TGSS) Operations Team is applicable for all TGSS participants (players, coaches, bench/support crew and officials), with mandatory full vaccination required in advance of the start of the 2022 tournament.

All participants mentioned above are required to be up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations, no later than May 27 2022.

Adelaide Roller Derby reserves the right to alter this policy as more information and/or directions come to hand.

## Vaccination Requirements

In order to best protect the health and safety of all participants and the broader community, the TGSS COVID-19 Vaccination Policy requires all participants to be vaccinated as follows:

- to be up-to-date with a COVID-19 vaccination approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) by 27 May 2022 and
- to maintain up-to-date vaccination status by receiving any necessary booster within the timeframe recommended by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) or
- have an authorised medical exemption granted.

Individuals who do not comply with the vaccination requirement will not be able to attend TGSS 2022 as a participant. This includes coaching from the sidelines or entering team benches, officials' rooms, tracks or any area reserved for tournament participants, unless a medical exemption has been approved.

Please note that this vaccination requirement is **only** relevant to The Great Southern Slam 2022. The requirement does not extend to training at club venues – that is a matter for each Club.

## What is considered 'up-to-date' with COVID-19 vaccinations?

Up-to-date means that you:

- have had the recommended number of primary doses of a COVID-19 vaccine recognised by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) by 27 May 2022 and
- maintain up-to-date vaccination status by receiving any necessary COVID-19 vaccine booster within the timeframe recommended by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI).

To be considered up to date with COVID-19 vaccination, you must have had all the doses recommended for your age and health needs.

Read ATAGI's statement on [defining 'up-to-date' status for COVID-19 vaccination](#)

## Medical exemptions

If you can't get any of the approved COVID-19 vaccines for medical reasons, you will need to provide proof of an official exemption in order to participate at TGSS. An official exemption will be recorded on your immunisation history statement and COVID-19 digital certificate.

Not every health professional can grant a medical exemption. Visit [Services Australia](#) for more information on medical exemptions.

## **Photographers and Commentators**

While photographers and commentators are not required to be vaccinated under his policy, they will be required to wear a face mask when entering the track or interacting with spectators.

## **Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)**

TGSS highly recommends that all participants undertake a RAT at the beginning of day 1 of the tournament (before attending) to further limit the risk of coming to TGSS while COVID-19 positive. The more RATs participants want to undertake, the better!

## **Face masks**

Bring one with you as TGSS recommend wearing them when not playing but this is not a requirement at this time. This may change. Disposable face masks will be available onsite but let's look after the environment and bring reusable ones with us.

Photographers and commentators will be required to wear a face mask when entering an 'active' track or interacting with spectators.