



We're on the way back!

Under the NSW Government's roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions, indoor sports can resume from Monday 11 October for people over 16 who are fully vaccinated.

Attendance will be limited to 20 people per class, including coaches. More than one separate class can be held at a venue if the capacity limit of one person per 4 m² allows.

The NSWFA Board has agreed the conditions under which fencing will follow the new roadmap.

From 11 October:

- The NSW Fencing Centre will re-open for limited capacity training sessions for NSW Academy fencers. NSW Squad members will be able to resume training from 25 October. The Centre coaches have organised training schedules and advised Centre fencers.
- Fencing clubs may also re-open from 11 October but they must check that members over the age of 16 are fully vaccinated and must limit separate class sizes to 20. Clubs should check with their venue managers before re-opening.
- At the Fencing Centre and in clubs, fencers over the age of 16 must be fully vaccinated and show proof of their vaccination status via the Australian Government COVID-19 certificate on their phone, via the NSW Service COVID-19 app when it is linked or by a printed certificate. Anyone exempted from vaccination on medical grounds must show a medical certificate.
- Fencers under 16 may attend the Centre for training and to take part in competitions. Parents of children aged 13-15 are encouraged to have them vaccinated.
- While capacity limits apply, parents will not be permitted to enter the Centre for training and competitions beyond the check-in desk which will be located at the main downstairs entrance.

State competitions (limited to 20 fencers per event) will resume in November with U15 and Cadet events in preparation for the Australian U15 and Cadet Championships in Sydney 16-20 December. There'll also be State Open and Junior Championships and a final round of the F1 evening series.

See the calendar here:

https://nswfencing.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/nswfa_calendar-2021-V7.pdf

More information on the NSW Government roadmap is here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/easing-covid-19-restrictions>

The Government intends to further relax COVID-19 rules from 1 December. The NSWFA Board will keep the situation under close review and advise members and clubs of any changes to this policy.

Meanwhile, the usual COVID-19 precautions will continue to apply:

- Check in and out via the ServiceNSW COVID-19 app
- Temperatures checked (must be under 38C)
- Stay at home if you don't feel well or have any flu-like symptoms
- Wear a face mask whenever you are not actively fencing, training, coaching
- Sanitise your hands
- Observe 1.5m social distance. Don't mingle
- Leave as soon as your training session/competition is over
- Avoid personal contact (no handshakes)

- Don't share equipment
- Fencing bags must be left in the downstairs foyer.

You must wear a face mask inside the Fencing Centre when not actively fencing or training.

Always follow the directions of the Covid Marshal and Centre coaches.

If you have any queries, please contact secretary@nswfencing.org.au or the Centre coaches.

The NSWFA Board thanks all members for their patience during the second long lockdown we have all endured and appreciates your co-operation with the measures and precautions that hopefully will guide us back safely to full-scale fencing in 2022.

NSWFA Board
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