

# FencingSA (FSA) COVID-19 Policy

V1.1 – effective from 07 June 2022

## 1. Application

- 1.1 The following policy is in effect from 07 June 2022 until further notice.
- 1.2 This policy supersedes v1.0 (published 31 January 2022).
- 1.3 The following rules will apply at The Lights Community Centre and at any other FSA events (irrespective of the venue).
- 1.4 FSA recommends that fencing clubs in South Australia follow this policy, unless the club's venue owner (e.g. Department for Education) has alternative requirements.

## 2. Adherence to COVID-19 Restrictions

- 2.1 Athletes and officials will keep up-to-date and adhere to all state and or local public health authorities' COVID-19 restrictions.
- 2.2 Competition organisers will assist to the best of their abilities to keep participants up to date.
- 2.3 All athletes and officials will maintain awareness of any evolving COVID-19 environment and align their actions with informed decisions. The COVID-19 environment can be rapidly evolving.
- 2.4 All regulations related to spectators will be determined by SA Health and/or the City of Port Adelaide Enfield.

## 3. COVID-19 Vaccination

- 3.1 All references in this policy to "vaccination" mean fully vaccinated as per SA Health policy.
- 3.2 There is no requirement for competitors, spectators or volunteers to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate in FSA events.
  - 3.2.1 On 24 April 2022, the Australian Fencing Federation announced the removal of the requirement to be vaccinated for COVID-19 as a condition of registering for national tournaments (<https://www.ausfencing.org/vaccination-mandate-for-national-events-lifted/>)
  - 3.2.2 On 1 June 2022, The Lights Community Centre confirmed they do not have a vaccine mandate in place.

## 4. Confirmed Cases

If you test positive for COVID-19, and attended an FSA event during your infectious period, then:

- 4.1 Advise FSA via email to [fsa@fencingsa.org.au](mailto:fsa@fencingsa.org.au)
- 4.2 Get tested and isolate as necessary in accordance with SA Health advice. SA Health close contact information (correct as at 02 June 2022): <https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/infectious+diseases/covid-19/cases+and+contacts/covid-19+positive+advice/what+to+do+if+i+test+positive/what+to+do+if+i+test+positive>

## 5. Close Contacts

Anyone who has been a close contact with a positive case should:

- 5.1 Get tested and isolate as necessary in accordance with SA Health advice. SA Health close contact information (correct as at 02 June 2022): <https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/infectious+diseases/covid-19/cases+and+contacts/close+contact+advice/close+contact+advice>

## **6. Competition Cancellation**

- 6.1 FSA may, at its absolute discretion, cancel any competition where it considers the health and safety of athletes and officials to be at risk.

## **7. Expenses**

- 7.1 FSA SA will refund entry fees upon request for athletes where athletes are impacted by COVID-19 or where a competition is cancelled due to COVID-19 impacts.

## **8. Hygiene**

- 8.1 A tap on each other's blade is the preferred close to a bout (rather than the traditional handshake).
- 8.2 No sharing of fencing equipment (masks and gloves).
- 8.3 No excessive vocalisations during competitions.

This policy will be reviewed and modified when COVID-19 directions are changed or as required.

FencingSA Board of Directors  
07 June 2022

### **Published Version History**

Version	Date Published	Summary of changes
1.0	31 January 2022	N/A
1.1	07 June 2022	Removal of vaccine mandate for competitors and spectators. Removal of requirement for CovidSAfe Check-In. Removal of requirement for Covid Marshall at events.