



NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



By-Law - Covid Vaccinations

This By-law was passed by a Resolution of the Board on
Wednesday, 13 October 2021

This By-law is made pursuant to the powers of the Board under clause 21(1)a(ii) of the Constitution of the New South Wales Bridge Association Limited (**NSWBA**).

Pursuant to clause 21 of the Constitution of the NSWBA, this By-law comes into force and will have full effect 28 days from the date of the promulgation of the Bylaw to the members of the NSWBA. However, it will be published on the NSWBA website and on the Sydney Bridge Centre's website on the date of such promulgation.

Background

- A. Various strains of the Covid-19 virus (**the Virus**) are likely to remain in the community for at least the foreseeable future.
- B. When members of the NSWBA, guests of members and other visitors attend the NSWBA's premises, they are very likely to have interaction with other members, employees of the NSWBA, guests of members and other persons attending the clubrooms.
- C. This interaction will most likely occur in the clubrooms, in the lifts and adjacent lobbies and related facilities.
- D. The NSWBA wishes to take all reasonably practical measures to protect all persons having access to the premises, facilities and amenities of the NSWBA from contracting, or spreading, the virus, and accordingly, to that objective, this By-law is made in relation to members of the NSWBA, guests of members and visitors to the clubrooms over the age of 16 years.
- E. Separate policies will apply to employees and contractors to the NSWBA.

Operative Part

- 1. A member, a guest of a member over the age of 16 years and any other person proposing to visit the clubrooms who is over the age of 16 years must not enter or remain on any part of the premises of the NSWBA unless that person:
 - (a) has had 2 doses of a Covid-19 vaccine; or
 - (b) has a medical contraindication certificate issued to the person and the person has been tested for Covid-19 within the previous 72 hours and has had a negative result.
- 2. Subject to paragraph 3, a person referred to in paragraph 1, when entering the clubrooms, if asked to do so by any officer or employee of the NSWBA or security agent engaged by the NSWBA, must produce to that officer, employee or security agent:
 - (a) if the person is over the age of 16 years, evidence from the Australian Immunisation Register that the person has had 2 doses of a Covid-19 vaccine or if the person is under the age of 16 years, evidence to that effect; or


- (b) a medical contraindication certificate issued to the person, together with evidence of a negative Covid-19 test undertaken within the previous 72 hours.
- 3. Paragraph 2 shall not apply to a member who has previously submitted to the NSWBA evidence from the Australian Immunisation Register that the member has had 2 doses of a Covid-19 vaccine.
- 4. All information about any person, including a member, related to whether that person has or has not had two doses of a Covid-19 vaccine, will be sensitive health information and will be held in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation and the privacy principles under that legislation.

Definitions

- 5. For the purposes of this By-law:
 - (a) **Australian Immunisation Register** means the Australian Immunisation Register kept under the *Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015 of the Commonwealth*;
 - (b) **Medical contraindication certificate** means a certificate issued by a medical practitioner:
 - (i) in a form approved by the Chief Medical Officer under the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW); and
 - (ii) certifying that, because of a specified medical contraindication, the person to whom the certificate has been issued cannot have a Covid-19 vaccine.

Exemptions

- 6. This By-law does not apply to:
 - (a) a person who enters or remains on the premises or of any land owned or occupied by the NSWBA because of an emergency;
 - (b) a police officer; or
 - (c) an authorised officer under the *Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)*.



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