

03/03/2021

The lodge's occupancy remains restricted to a maximum of 32 under current NSW Health COVID safe rules. With travel generally restricted to NSW and following a restricted 2020 season, our 2021 booking requests significantly exceeded the lodge capacity. Our booking volunteers, assisted by board members, have adopted the following priorities and order in offering or confirming the Winter 2021 Members Priority accommodation:

1. Deferred 2020 bookings have been offered accommodation for 2021 equivalent periods. This cohort is predominantly members although a small number of 2020 deferred guest bookings have been honored.
2. Member priority period bookings have been ranked according to the number of credit points allocated. This follows By-law 25; viz "*Accommodation credit points may be offered by a member ... to secure a booking*"
3. Member priority period bookings have been prioritized over guest priority period booking.
4. In overbooked weeks, some member multiple week bookings have been reduced in duration to one week.

Using this system, the club has confirmed bookings to the lodge limit of 32, although we have in some cases of family groups relaxed the restrictions to 34.

As you are aware vaccinations are now commencing and the ski season July opening is still five months away. Obviously, the Club makes no guarantees, however NSW Health may reduce COVID restrictions in that time frame. If restrictions are eased, bookings will be offered accommodation using priorities 2 to 4 above and the extra criteria that any bookings received AFTER the priority bookings closed datetime of 16/02/2021 17:00:00 will be processed in order of their receipt as per usual.

If you have been unsuccessful in the first round of Confirmations, you have the choice of staying on the waiting list for a place or requesting payments already made to be refunded to you. The other alternative is to move your booking - there are currently some places available 11th to 25th July and after 12th September. These will be allocated to priority people who wish to move their booking, using the same criteria as above.

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