

## Unvaxxed England Players Depend \_\_\_\_\_ Changes To Entry Rules For The 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar

The England football squad are **waiting** \_\_\_\_\_ changes to Qatar's entry rules. England manager Gareth Southgate wants every player available to **prepare** \_\_\_\_\_ the first game together, but he may not be able to **rely** \_\_\_\_\_ five players who refused the covid-19 vaccine. If the rules don't change, these players will miss five days of preparations while in quarantine, unless they can show they have **recovered** \_\_\_\_\_ the virus in the last nine months.

Not everyone will **approve** \_\_\_\_\_ players saying 'no' to the injection, but Southgate won't ask them to **apologise** \_\_\_\_\_ anything. He understands that not all the players **agree** \_\_\_\_\_ him, despite doctors **providing** them \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of information.

### Southgate's view

The England manager told reporters *"Look, everybody knows where I stand on the subject. To move out of a pandemic, the only way was a vaccination programme and I think that was essential."*

### Why did some players say 'no'?

Southgate commented *"At their age they are more open to some of these conspiracy theories because they are reading social media more."* Southgate could be right, although he may undervalue the intelligence of his players. Here are a few possible reasons that he didn't mention.

#### 'Safe and Effective'

The players might think the injection is not safe because of the growing number of vaccine injuries that people report **suffering** \_\_\_\_\_. They might not think it's effective because it won't **protect** them \_\_\_\_\_ catching the virus or giving it to others.

#### Medical Studies and Propaganda

It's also possible that the players **listened** \_\_\_\_\_ doctors who have contradicted government scientists. These doctors often **refer** \_\_\_\_\_ recent medical studies to make their arguments. The players may also feel that the pressure to get vaccinated has the **smell** \_\_\_\_\_ propaganda. So they might not fully trust and **believe** \_\_\_\_\_ the statistics about the number of people who **died** \_\_\_\_\_ covid.

#### The Right to Privacy

Southgate didn't **respond** \_\_\_\_\_ questions about the vaccination status of individual players. Journalists already know who the unvaccinated players are but are **prevented** \_\_\_\_\_ publishing their names because of medical privacy laws.

#### Allowed to Arrive Early

Southgate wants a solution that **saves** his squad \_\_\_\_\_ disruption. To **succeed** \_\_\_\_\_ the tournament, the team needs to **concentrate** \_\_\_\_\_ football rather than medical issues.

One solution could be for unvaccinated players to come five days before the rest of the squad so that they **deal** \_\_\_\_\_ the quarantine before their teammates arrive. This will only be possible if the players **ask** their clubs \_\_\_\_\_ permission, but their clubs might not **allow** them \_\_\_\_\_ go early. Whatever happens, Southgate needs to unite his players and tell them 'We don't have to **agree** \_\_\_\_\_ every medical issue to win the world cup'.