



Memo

Date: Thursday July 16, 2020
To: All Affiliates, Regions and Members
From: Dean Russell- General Manager
Subject: General Managers Message- URGENT UPDATE
REGARDING COMMUNITY SPORT

As a result of the rising case numbers on COVID-19 in NSW, the Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant, has today advised that NSW Health will be updating the COVID-19 Safety Plan templates.

The below letter from Dr Chant documents key changes that will need to be implemented by community sports organisations as a matter of priority. Updated COVID-19 Safety Plan templates from the NSW Office of Sport will be available from this evening at the link [here](#).

Those changes are:

- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have visited Victoria in the 14 days prior.
- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have attended any of the reported case locations listed on the NSW Health website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>
- Take all reasonable steps to minimise the number of spectators attending community sport events.
- If sufficient numbers to field teams cannot be achieved, prioritise delaying the event rather than the substituting with people from other teams or from the community.

We have also this evening made TFA aware of changes required for the Touch Football template in NSW.

For those Affiliates and Regions that have submitted and had approved your COVID Safety Plans, you will need to add below and re submit to our office. The TFA template is available from the [COVID 19 Hub](#)

Community sport and recreation organisations will need to update their respective COVID-19 Safety Plans detailing actions that will be put in place to address these additional requirements.





Please note **AGAIN** that we will now be required to *“Take all reasonable steps to minimise the number of spectators attending community sport events.”*

Measures that may assist implementation include:

- Limiting entry to facilities and fenced venues to one person per participant at junior sport (where practical);
- Restricting spectator entry/attendance at adult community sport;
- Provide communication to participant databases via e-newsletters, social media and organisations’ websites strongly suggesting that only parents and carers should attend junior community sports activities where possible;
- Increase signage in venue carparks and at common entry points at outdoor venues;
- Make PA announcements (where the facility exists) at venues reminding people to minimise spectators to parents and carers where possible.

Please remain vigilant

We all have a part to play in protecting ourselves and those with whom we interact. NSW Health will continue to monitor the situation.

The Office of Sport and Sport NSW will communicate any future changes to COVID-19 Safety Plans or Public Health Orders that impact community sport and in turn we will pass these onto you our important stakeholders.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep community sport COVID-19 safe.

Further information will be published on the NSWTA COVID-19 page as it becomes available.

Best wishes and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dean Russell', is positioned above the printed name.

Dean Russell
General Manager



Health

Dear Community Sport Organisations

I am writing to advise you we will be updating the COVID-19 Safety Plan for community sport organisations in response to rising case numbers in NSW and the ongoing risk of transmission in the community. I am requesting the cooperation of community sport organisations to help decrease the number of people gathering at these events.

In addition to the current requirements of the COVID-19 Safety Plan for community sports (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/industry-guidelines/sports-recreation-and-gyms>), could you please ensure the following additional steps are promptly incorporated into your Safety Plan;

- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have visited Victoria in the 14 days prior.
- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have attended any of the reported case locations listed on the NSW Health website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>).
- Take all reasonable steps to minimise the number of spectators attending community sport events.
- If sufficient numbers to field teams cannot be achieved, prioritise delaying the event rather than substituting with people from other teams or from the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community sport organisations for all the work done to date to carefully develop and implement their COVID-19 Safety Plans. These events are so important to the health and cohesion of communities, and so it is imperative that we take these additional steps to protect them at this time. I trust I can rely on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kerry Chant'.

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