

COVID SAFE PLAN

Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association

The following information is often updated and should only be relied on when read together with the latest public health advice. While we endeavor to provide up-to-date, accurate information we realise Government and public health advice changes regularly. You are encouraged to stay informed of the most recent COVID-19 advice from Department of Health and Human Services and Sport and Recreation Victoria and Netball Victoria's current Return to Community Netball guidelines. You are also required to maintain contact with Local Council and/or venue managers to obtain information and advice relevant to your specific venue. The COVID Safe Plan should be reviewed and updated along with any changes to public health advice, Victorian Chief Health Officer directions or the easing of restrictions.

It is important that you develop the COVID Safe Plan in accordance with the Community Sport and Physical Recreation Industry Restart Guidelines and the current restriction level. The Guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-sector-guidance-arts-and-recreation-services>

Netball Victoria's Return to Community Netball guidelines and all related resources and information can be found at <https://vic.netball.com.au/covid-19-information> Additional support can be requested via email participation@netballvic.com.au

The Victorian Government has released six COVID safe principles which relate primarily to a workplace, however, apply in a community sport setting. These COVID safe principles are included in this document as a point of reference.

COVID SAFE PRINCIPLES:

1. Ensure physical distancing
2. Wear a face mask
3. Practice good hygiene
4. Keep records and act quickly if participants, volunteers or organisers become unwell
5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces
6. Create workforce/activity bubbles

In order to be compliant with public health directions, The COVID Safe Plan must:

- Align with the directions issued by the Victorian Chief Health Officer
- Provide complete responses and the required supporting documentation
- Account for the current permitted level of sport or recreation activity in your plan and identify how your plan will respond to changes in permitted levels of activity.
- Ensure that activity resumption does not compromise the health of individuals or the community
- In addition to completing the COVID Safe Plan, you are still required to meet your obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004.
- You must comply with a request to present or modify your COVID Safe Plan, if directed to do so, by an Authorised Officer or WorkSafe Inspector.
- In addition to the general restrictions for all businesses, some industries require additional obligations due to a higher transmission risk.

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1. ENSURE PHYSICAL DISTANCING.

You must ensure participants, volunteers and organisers are 1.5 metres apart as much as possible.

This can be done by:

- Modifying sporting activities to ensure participants remain 1.5 metres apart where possible except when engaging in physical activity
- Displaying signs to show patron limits at the entrance of enclosed areas where limits apply
- Note that where physical recreation facilities are permitted to open for classes for members of the public, specific additional requirements apply such as staggering class times. For more information see <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

You may also consider:

- Minimising the build-up of people waiting to enter and exit the venue/facility.
- Using floor markings to provide minimum physical distancing guides

Refer to Netball Victoria's Return to Community Netball guidelines.

- Return to Community Netball Guidelines – Clubs and Associations – Indoor Venues
- Return to Community Netball Guidelines – Clubs and Associations – Outdoor Venues
- Return to Community Netball Checklist

The Return to Community Netball Checklist encourages Associations and Clubs to complete a thorough review of their facility and develop a strategy to mitigate the risk of people gathering or congregating. Marking entry and exit points or managing the flow of pedestrian traffic is an important element. Reviewing spaces where groups may congregate and implementing a management plan to avoid or minimise the gatherings is important.

You must apply the density quotient (where applicable) to configure shared activity areas and publicly accessible spaces to ensure that:

- You are complying with any density quotient; any group size limits and other restrictions applicable to the type of facility being used. Requirements can be found in the Industry Restart guidelines.

You should provide training to organisers and volunteers on physical distancing expectations while working and socialising. This should include:

- Avoiding car-pooling unless not reasonably practical for participants to travel another way.

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- Return to Community Netball Checklist

Associations are encouraged to complete a review and complete a walk-through of their facility and identify entry and exit points, identify areas where people may gather or congregate. Associations are then encouraged to clearly sign entry and exit points throughout their venues and mark out areas where parents/guardians can drop off children or gather while supporting their child's participation.

2. WEAR A FACE MASK.

You must ensure all participants, volunteers and organisers entering the venue wear a face mask as per public health advice. Updated public health advice on masks is available at: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-vic-covid-19>

Refer to Netball Victoria's Return to Community Netball guidelines.

- Return to Community Netball Guidelines – Netball Victoria Members
- Face Masks

Everyone, 12 years and over, should carry a face mask and when not playing will wear one when required to do so in accordance with State Government/DHHS regulations.

- All non-participants, including coaches and scorers, should wear a face mask when required to do so in accordance with State Government/DHHS regulations.

3. PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE AND IMPLEMENT THOROUGH CLEANING PROTOCOLS.

You should:

- Clean surfaces with appropriate cleaning products, including detergent and disinfectant
- Replace high-touch communal items with hygienic alternatives, for example single-use or contactless options where possible to do so
- Sharing of equipment should be kept to a minimum and all equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between use
- Clean between user groups or sessions

Refer to Netball Victoria's Return to Community Netball guidelines.

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- Return to Community Netball - Guidelines for Netball Victoria Members
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Return to Community Netball guidelines encourage Associations and Clubs to educate their members and implement clear and direct strategies which ensure participants are maintaining personal hygiene.

BSNA will be promoting the following:

- Wash your hands
- Maintain 1.5m physical distancing
- If you feel unwell, stay at home

BSNA will display clear and up-to-date hygiene signage, mark entry and exit points throughout their venues.

- Clean surfaces with appropriate cleaning products (disinfectant and wipes)
- Each team will have their own first aid kits, bibs and balls.

Netball Victoria's updated Return to Community Netball guidelines provide information and guidance around the management of spectators. At this stage, spectators are permitted, but under the direction of the Association. Spectators must follow all gathering restrictions. All parents/guardians should carry a mask and should wear a face mask where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

How will personal hygiene and cleaning of facilities and equipment be maintained to minimise transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)? Have you increased regular cleaning schedules for common use areas?

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Return to Community Netball guidelines encourage associations and clubs to prepare their facility and implement clear strategies and plans to ensure facilities and equipment are cleaned and sanitised regularly.

BSNA will maintain communication between Golden City Netball Association, Strathdale Tennis Association and South Bendigo Football Netball Club (Harry Trott Oval) about venue management to determine which facilities and amenities are open or accessible and to discuss the best course of action to manage cleaning and sanitising procedures.

Regular cleaning and sanitising procedures should be adopted for all facilities, ensuring all shared areas are safe.

BSNA will purchase hands free apparatus for hand hygiene for all entering the facilities.

4. KEEP RECORDS AND ACT QUICKLY IF PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS OR ORGANISERS BECOME UNWELL

You must support participants, volunteers and organisers to get tested and stay home even if they only have mild symptoms.

You must develop a plan to manage any outbreaks. This includes:

BSNA have a QR code in place for all facilities.

This information will be conveyed to all clubs to advise all their teams, players, team support staff and supporters that they MUST scan in using the QR codes.

BSNA upon notification of a positive case will follow all the below points and will also immediately contact the exposed venue to advise of situation.

- Having a plan to respond to a participant, volunteer or organiser being notified by health authorities that they are a positive case and attended the facility whilst infectious. People who show symptoms or have been in close contact should NOT attend the venue/facility or activity until they receive their test results or have completed their quarantine period and are cleared by DHHS.
- Having a plan to identify and notify close contacts in the event of a positive case attending the venue/facility during their infectious period. You are also required to notify DHHS of the positive case.
- Having a plan in place to clean the venue/facility (or part) in the event of a positive case. BSNA & their venue administrators will work together to have this completed.
- Having a plan to contact DHHS and notify the actions taken, provide a copy of the risk assessment conducted and contact details of any close contacts.
- Having a plan to immediately notify WorkSafe Victoria on 13 23 60 if you have identified a person with coronavirus (COVID-19) at your venue/facility.
- Having a plan if you have been instructed to close by DHHS.
- Having a plan to re-open your venue/facility once agreed by DHHS and notify participants, volunteers, and organisers they can return to the venue/facility.
- BSNA will be working with their venue administrators regarding the reopening of the venue.
- More information can be found at <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/workplace-obligationscovid-19>

Refer to Netball Victoria's Return to Community Netball guidelines.

- QR Codes
- Dealing with a Suspected Case

BSNA have already established QR Codes for all three venues. This code will be located at various points including the entry point of the court.

BSNA have used the information that has been supplied to the organisation from Netball Victoria.

5. AVOID INTERACTIONS IN ENCLOSED SPACES

You should reduce the amount of time participants, volunteers, organisers, parents, carers and anyone in attendance are spending in enclosed spaces (e.g. entrances, foyers, bathrooms, changerooms and clubhouses). This could include:

- Enabling activities in outdoor environments
- Moving as much activity outside as possible, including serving patrons, meetings, tearooms, lunch breaks and locker rooms.
- Enhancing airflow by opening windows and doors.
- Optimizing fresh air flow in air conditioning systems.

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BSNA will be advising all clubs & teams that on competition days, that only one other parent/adult where practical is to attend the game. If there are other siblings that must attend as well, then that will be permitted. BSNA does not want to see many members of one family coming to the competition, during this COVID period, unless permitted by State Government/DHHS current regulations.

This will be publicised to all players, volunteers, and supporters verbally, via our facebook page, club representative meetings and webpage.

BSNA will be discouraging the use of change rooms and clubrooms at this stage. Players will be told to come dressed ready to play.

Toilets will be open but again not encouraged to be used, however this will be part of a deep clean done at the end of competition days.

For competition, a cleaning company will be employed to do a deep clean after competition on a Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

6. CREATE WORKFORCE/ACTIVITY BUBBLES

You should limit the number of participants, volunteers and organisers engaging in activities across multiple teams/venues/facilities where practical. This includes avoiding as much as possible, having participants playing across multiple teams.

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- Return to Community Netball Quick Reference Guide

BSNA will be considering extending the time between matches to allow time between each session for players and families to come and leave, limiting the contact between groups. Each age group will be allocated a location for the duration of the season. Each grade will not be split over multiple venues.