

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



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