



COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

CANBERRA PLAYERS LEAGUE

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Version History

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this COVID-19 Safety Plan (**Plan**) is to provide an overarching plan for the implementation and management of procedures by Canberra Players League (**CPL**) to support CPL and its members and participants in the staged resumption of community sport and club activities.

The arrangements set out in this Plan are intended to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among members, participants, coaches, officials, administrators/volunteers, visitors, families and the broader community. The Plan provides the framework to govern the general operation of the CPL, any facilities it controls, the playing/training behaviour of all members and participants and the monitoring and reporting of the health of attendees at CPL venues, specifically Southern Cross Basketball Stadium (**facilities**).

This Plan includes, but is not limited to, the conduct of:

- a. staged competition activities (**sport operations**); and
- b. facility management and supporting operations (**facility operations**).

At all times the Plan is subject to all regulations, guidelines and directions of government and public health authorities.

2. Key Principles

This Plan is based on, and accepts:

- the AIS [Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment](#) (**AIS Framework**);
- the [National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities](#) (**National Principles**);
- ACT government's [The ACT's Pathway Forward](#) (**ACT's Pathway Forward**); and
- the [ACT's COVID-19 Summary of Proposed Restrictions](#) (**Summary of Proposed Restrictions**).

The Plan also accepts as key principles that:

- The health and safety of members, participants, coaches, officials, administrators/volunteers, visitors, families and the broader community is the number one priority;
- Members, participants, coaches, officials, administrators/volunteers, families and the broader community need to be engaged and briefed on CPL's return to sport plans;
- Facilities are assessed and appropriate plans are developed in conjunction with facility managers to accommodate upgraded hygiene protocols, physical distancing and other measures to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19;
- Competitions cannot resume until the arrangements for sport operations and facility operations are finalised and approved, if necessary; and
- At every stage of the return to sport process CPL must consider and apply all applicable ACT Government and local restrictions and regulations. CPL needs to be prepared for any localised outbreak at our facilities, within our competitions or in the local community.

3. Responsibilities under this Plan

CPL retains the overall responsibility for the effective management and implementation of the return to sport activities and operations outlined in this Plan.

The Committee of CPL is responsible for:

- Approving the Plan and overseeing the implementation of the arrangements in the Plan; and
- Revising the Plan as required, ensuring it reflects up to date information from government and public health officials.

The Committee has appointed the following person as the CPL COVID-19 Safety Coordinator to execute the delivery of the Plan and to act as a point of contact for information relating to this Plan:

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CPL expects all members, participants, coaches, officials, administrative staff and volunteers to:

- Comply with the health directions of government and public health authorities as issued from time to time;
- Understand and act in accordance with this Plan as amended from time to time;
- Comply with any testing and precautionary measures implemented by CPL;
- Act with honesty and integrity in regard to the state of their personal health and any potential symptoms; and
- Monitor their health and take a cautious approach to self-isolation and reporting of potential symptoms.

4. Return to Sport Arrangements

As the CPL does not host formal training activities, training arrangements are not included within this plan. CPL participants who are engaging in training are doing so of their own accord. It is an expectation that these participants adhere to regulations, guidelines and directions of their relevant government and public health authorities.

CPL will transition to the competition activities and facility use outlined in Level C of the AIS Framework when permitted under Australian and ACT Government restrictions and regulations.

4.1 AIS Framework Arrangements

The protocols for conducting sport operations and facility operations in line with the AIS Framework, National Principles, ACT's Pathway Forward, and the Summary of Proposed Restrictions are set out in the Appendix.

4.2 COVIDSafe Australia and ACT's Pathway Forward

CPL will comply with the ACT government's [*"The ACT's Pathway Forward"*](#), which places limits on the type of activity that can be conducted and the number of people who can gather at facilities, notwithstanding the activities permitted by the Framework detailed in [*"The ACT's COVID-19 Summary of Proposed Restrictions"*](#).

5. Recovery

When public health officials determine that the outbreak has ended in the local community, CPL will consult with relevant authorities to identify criteria for scaling back its COVID-19 prevention actions. CPL will also consider which protocols can remain to optimise good public and participant health.

At this time the Committee of CPL will consult with key stakeholders to review the delivery of its return to sport arrangements and use feedback to improve organisational plans and systems.

6. Peak Body Recommendations and Collaboration with Other Organisations and Facility Owners

Although CPL does not hold a formal affiliation with FIBA, Basketball Australia or Basketball ACT, CPL will monitor the recommendations made by these bodies, and where appropriate and necessary, will consider the implementation of measures which may be considered best practice.

The CPL acknowledges the gravity of the COVID-19 situation and will collaborate with other sporting organisations (including but not limited to Basketball ACT, Fredcom, Filcom etc.) to ensure the safety of both the CPL and broader communities. CPL will maintain regular communication with Facility Owners to ensure ongoing compliance with their own COVID-19 plans, as well as this plan.

Appendix: Outline of Return to Sport Arrangements

Part 1 – Sport Operations

Area	Plan Requirements
Approvals	<p>CPL must obtain the following approvals to allow a return to competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT government and venue owner approval for competition at venue, if required. • Club committee has approved return to competition for club. • Insurance arrangements confirmed to cover competition.
Competition Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to full contact games in line with AIS Framework principles and subject to ACT Government restrictions. • Where required by health directives, masks shall be worn at all times by attendees, except for players or referees participating in a game (for clarity, substitutes ARE NOT required to wear masks. Scorebench/duty teams ARE required to wear masks). • Limit unnecessary social gatherings while attending CPL games. • Minimise time at the venue, adhere to principle of “Get in, perform role, Get out”. • Social distancing to be maintained on team and score benches where possible. Physical distancing of greater than 1.5 metres should be used where possible. • Players should bring their own strapping tape. Where a need for band-aids may be known in advance, such as to cover piercings, players should bring their own as required. • Hands should be cleaned on entry and exit of the venue. Where venues do not provide adequate sanitisation station equipment, CPL will endeavour to make these items available. • Personal hygiene encouraged - Wash hands prior to competition, no spitting or nose clearing. • No handshakes to take place before, during or after games. • Players encouraged to minimise carpooling, taxi and Uber use and adhere to physical distancing on public transport. • Where entry/exit protocols are in use, these must be adhered to. • Shower at home instead of at venues. Where possible, avoid using venue bathroom facilities. • Spectators should not attend games except for in exceptional circumstances (i.e. a child attending with a parent due to other care arrangements not being available).

Personal health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players should take care to ensure their body is prepared for a return to competition to avoid injury. • Players, coaches, volunteers to not attend if unwell (including any signs/symptoms of cold, flu, COVID-19 or other illness). • Washing of hands prior to, during and after games and use of hand sanitiser. • No handshakes to take place before, during or after games. • Personal hygiene encouraged - Wash hands prior to competition, no spitting or nose clearing. • Launder uniform and clean personal equipment.
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitising kits to be present at all CPL sessions. Kits will comprise of hand sanitiser, small garbage bags, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray and disposable gloves. • Whistles are not to be shared and will be disinfected at the end of every night. • Game balls will be wiped clean at every game break (timeouts, quarter and half time) and swapped between games where possible. Score benches, including scoreboard controls, will be wiped clean between each user.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates and reminders to be sent to team captains via email, and also posted on Facebook. • A dedicated COVID-19 page will be created on the CPL website to allow access to the latest information and resources. • Use of the Check-In CBR app when entering the venue is mandatory. • Endorsement and strong encouragement for all people to be vaccinated. • Provide Mental Health contact details for Lifeline (131 114) and Beyond Blue (1300 224 636). • Promotion of good hygiene practices.

Part 2 – Facility Operations

Area	Plan Requirements for return to competition
Approvals	<p>The club must obtain the following approvals to allow use of facilities :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT approval of the resumption of facility operations, if required. • CPL approved plan for use of facilities. • Insurance arrangements confirmed to cover facility use. • Facility owners approve return to competition.

Facilities	<p><i>Southern Cross Basketball Stadium</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to areas not used by CPL for games to be off limits to non-committee members (i.e. offices for liaison purposes, seating in foyer, storage areas) • Bathroom use to be discouraged and used only as required. Shower and changeroom facilities not to be used. • Any rubbish and used wipes to be removed by CPL and disposed of away from facility grounds at end of the night. • Venue specific entry/exit protocols to be put in place. • Any further instruction from the Facility owner or protocols specific to use of the facility to be adhered to.
Facility access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access will not be permitted to anyone who has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – COVID-19 or has been in direct contact with a known case of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days; – Flu-like symptoms or who is a high health risk (e.g. due to age or pre-existing health conditions); – Travelled internationally, or to a known hotspot in the previous 14 days; or – Been instructed by relevant Government authorities to isolate or quarantine. • The CPL may place restrictions on spectators attending games, except for in exceptional circumstances (i.e. a child attending with a parent due to other care arrangements not being available). In these circumstances, only essential participants (including players and CPL officials) should attend any CPL event. • All attendees should observe physical distancing requirements (>1.5 Metres) wherever possible. • Detailed register of attendees to be kept. The CPL Committee is responsible for keeping and maintaining the register, inline with the CPL Privacy Policy.
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitising kits to be present at all CPL sessions. Kits will comprise of hand sanitiser, small garbage bags, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray and disposable gloves. • Whistles are not to be shared and will be disinfected at the end of every night. • Game balls will be wiped clean at every game break (timeouts, quarter and half time) and swapped between games where possible. Score benches, including scoreboard controls, will be wiped clean between each user.
Management of unwell participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players agree to not attend games when they are injured or unwell. • By taking part in games, players agree to abide by the COVID-19 protocols, and that they are to immediately remove themselves from the venue if they begin to feel unwell. • Any participants who displays a sudden onset of COVID-19 related symptoms while at the venue will be isolated away from the playing areas until medical help arrives or the participant leaves. Where able to, the participant will be required to leave immediately. • In the event of a COVID-19 case being discovered at CPL, attendance records and all necessary assistance will be provided to health authorities in line with the CPL Privacy Policy.

CPL responsibilities	<p>The CPL will oversee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision and conduct of hygiene protocols as per the Plan.• Coordination of basketball competition related operations.• Operation of the facilities in support of all basketball related operations in accordance with this Plan and the hire agreements held with the facilities owners.
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Part 3: Resources

Cleaning standards: <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-information-workplaces/cleaning-prevent-spread-covid-19>

Posters: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-campaign-resources>