



RETURN TO PLAY

2020 FRAMEWORK

VERSION 5

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Return to Play - 2020 Framework

OVERVIEW

The Board and Management of Hockey ACT are committed to delivering a strong, enjoyable and successful Hockey season in 2020. Working with Sport & Recreation ACT, Hockey Australia and The AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a Covid-19 Environment principles the following ACT Guidelines for Hockey (including Return to Training & Play) have been developed. The Guidelines will continue to evolve as updated direction is provided by relevant authorities, Hockey ACT will mark the date of when the document was last updated and version number in the footer of the document. In the event there are changes which will have a material impact on your clubs guidelines or operations Hockey ACT will highlight these changes and distribute to members via our regular communication channels and with updates on the Hockey ACT website.

REVIEW OF GUIDELINES

As part of the ACT Government guidelines, this document will be regularly monitored and reviewed, and updated as necessary. This document will remain fluid and updated as required throughout the COVID-19 pandemic period. This will ensure the document and advisory guidelines remain as up-to-date as possible.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & LINKS

Hockey ACT

- [Hockey ACT Return to Play Guidelines Webpage](#)
- [Hockey ACT Spectator Procedures](#)

National Principles and AIS Framework

- [AIS Framework for rebooting sport in a COVID-19 environment – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY](#)
- [AIS Framework for rebooting sport in a COVID-19 environment – FULL DOCUMENT](#)
- [National Principles for the resumption of Sport and Recreation activities](#)

Hockey Australia

- [Hockey COVID Safety Support Hub](#)

ACT Sport & Recreation Links:

- [ACT Sport & Recreation Website](#)
- [ACT Sport & Recreation – Step 2.2+: Return to Sport & Recreation and Swimming Pools – Friday 17/7/20](#)
- [Return To Play In A COVID-Safe Environment](#)

ACT Government Links:

- [ACT Government COVID-19 Public Health Directions](#)
- [Prevent the Spread of Germs Poster](#)
- [Hand Washing Poster](#)

COVIDSAFE APP

Hockey ACT encourage the Hockey Community to download the COVIDSafe App as this speeds up the contact process for people exposed to COVID-19, helping to support you, your family and friends. The Board of Hockey ACT are wanting to ensure we take every measure possible to help limit any exposure, and keep the community as whole as safe during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVIDSafe app helps find close contacts of COVID-19 cases. The app helps state and territory health officials to quickly contact people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. The COVIDSafe app speeds up the current manual process of finding people who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19. This means you'll be contacted more quickly if you are at risk. This reduces the chances of you passing on the virus to your family, friends and other people in the community.

State and territory health officials can only access app information if someone tests positive and agrees to the information in their phone being uploaded. The health officials can only use the app information to help alert those who may need to quarantine or get tested.

The COVIDSafe app is the only contact trace app approved by the Australian Government.

*** Please be advised, downloading the app is a personal choice, and everyone should considering their personal circumstances before downloading the COVIDSafe app.*

More information can be found [here](#).

RESUMPTION OF SPORT

In preparing the **Hockey ACT Return to Play Framework** the protection of the health of individuals and communities has been the primary focus and will remain the focus of Hockey ACT while the risk of COVID-19 transmission remains.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

A key component of the Return to Hockey Guidelines depends upon individuals taking responsibility for their own health and wellbeing, as well a putting the communities' health and needs above their own hockey commitments.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE WHO IS FEELING UNWELL (HOWEVER MILD THE SYMPTOMS) ATTEND ANY HOCKEY ACT FACILITY OR EVENT WHILE THESE GUIDELINES REMAIN IN PLACE AND THE RISK OF COVID TRANSMISSION REMAINS.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

The Coronavirus can affect individuals in different ways, most infected people will develop mild to moderate symptoms of the virus which may include:

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Tiredness
- Flu like Aches & Pains

Some people may experience the following symptoms:

- Nasal Congestion
- Sore Throat
- Runny Nose
- Diarrhea

If you are experiencing any of the above symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 or has the above symptoms within the last 14 days please do not present at a Hockey venue and follow appropriate ACT Government quarantine and testing requirements.

COMMUNICATION OF GUIDELINES

Hockey ACT will communicate all guidelines in the following manner:

- Directly to Club and Association Presidents/Secretaries in the first instance;
- A link to the Return to Play Policies will be placed on the Hockey ACT Website;
- Notification on social media sites with regular updates to ensure members are reading most recent versions.

CLUB REQUIREMENTS

All clubs are required to generate their own Return to Training & Play Framework. The content of this document is a minimum requirement that clubs will need to have in place to resume training and game play. The content below is compulsory for all clubs that are training and playing at the National Hockey Centre, Lyneham, Tuggeranong Hockey Park, Greenway. Clubs have two options:

- Utilise the document in its current format as their own Framework;
- Use the content as a minimum and add additional information. Each club is reminded that if they are utilising additional facilities not operated by Hockey ACT than those facilities will need to be considered in a Clubs plan.

*Please note Clubs must abide by the Hockey ACT Protocols outlined below and are unable to make adjustments to Hockey ACT Protocols and Facility requirements.

** The content below should also be adhered to at any other venue Hockey ACT competition and programs are run, along with the venue specific guidelines.

Current ACT Government Guidelines

APPROVED COMMUNITY SPORT ACTIVITIES

ACT Sport & Recreation Update to Sporting Associations – Friday 7th August, 2020

Update for Sport Sector on COVID-19 Current Restrictions

From 9am on Monday 10 August 2020, community sporting events can have 100 spectators (excluding staff and participants) for each indoor space and each outdoor space.

ACT Sport & Recreation Update to Sporting Associations - Thursday 23rd July, 2020

Update for Sport Sector on COVID-19 Current Restrictions

Following advice from the ACT Chief Health Officer, the ACT will not move forward with the implementation of stage 3 restrictions in the ACT for a further two weeks. The current restrictions as outlined in the ACT's Easing of Restrictions roadmap will stay in place and will be assessed on a weekly basis.

In short – you need to keep doing what you are doing now in the operations of your sport. It is great that training and competition can be back in action across all sports, but critically outdoor gatherings must remain limited to 100, with this group size also permitted indoors or 1 person per 4sqm (whichever is lesser).

Physical distancing and respiratory and hand hygiene should remain central in your reminders to participants, officials and spectators and at your venues.

We all know what the impact of going backwards will be on our sporting sector, and with new cases being confirmed everyday across NSW, we need to be more cautious.

The COVID-19 situation is rapidly evolving, so it's critical for all Canberrans to be mindful of where they are travelling, and who they are interacting with. The easiest way to avoid infection and reduce the risk of an outbreak in the ACT is to avoid any unnecessary travel outside of the Territory.

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ACT Government Update - Further restriction easing postponed in the ACT - Thursday 23rd July, 2020

Released 23/07/2020

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(To read the complete media release:

https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open_government/inform/act_government_media_releases/barr/2020/further-restriction-easing-postponed-in-the-act

ACT Government Update: ACT Government COVID19 Factsheet – Sport, Recreation & Pools - Friday 17th July, 2020

Step 2.2+: Return to Sport & Recreation and Swimming Pools

Information for clubs, organisations and participants

12 noon Friday, 17 July 2020

What changes are being made to sport and recreation?

Step 2.2 restrictions remain in place for community sport and recreation in line with Canberra's Recovery Plan with some additions. These additions include:

- Full-contact sporting competition, including dance and martial arts, can recommence.
- Competition and squad swimming can recommence within the gathering requirements for swimming pools.
- No limit on the number of swimmers per lane.

The following will continue under Step 2.2:

- Indoor and outdoor spaces can be used by groups of up to 100 people (including staff, trainers and spectators), or one person per 4 square metres, whichever is the lesser.
- All sporting organisations, clubs and venues must have a Return to Play in a COVID Safe Environment plan or a COVID Safety Plan (whichever is relevant).
- Swimming pools can operate with one person per 4 square metres to a maximum of 100 people, including staff.
- Communal facilities (such as changerooms) can open if a risk assessment has been done and a strict cleaning regime is put in place. This should be outlined in the COVID Safety Plan.
- Canteens can operate; however, physical distancing must be encouraged.

Visit the ACT Government's COVID-19 website to find out more about changes to restrictions including community responsibilities when participating and watching sport.

(To read the complete factsheet: https://www.sport.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1602793/Industry-FAQ-Sport-Rec-and-pools-Step-2.2.pdf)

ACT Government Update – 7th August 2020: Community Sport and Swimming Pools

What can I do?

- From 9am on Monday 10 August 2020, community sporting events can have 100 spectators (excluding staff and participants) for each indoor space and each outdoor space.
- For swimming pools the current arrangements of one person per 4 square metres of usable space throughout the venue applies, up to a maximum of 100 people in each indoor space and each outdoor space (excluding staff).
- Full-contact sporting competition, including dance and martial arts continues to be permitted
- Communal facilities (such as changerooms) can still open if a risk assessment has been done and a strict cleaning regime is put in place. This should be outlined in the COVID Safety Plan.

- Businesses or sporting groups can choose to open canteens, however consideration must be given to how gatherings of people will be prevented. Physical distancing requirements to be clearly marked within and around canteens.

What can't I do?

- Do not allow gatherings to take place in communal areas.
- Spectators must be seated, where seating is available. Otherwise, they must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres where not from the same household.
- A person who owns, controls or operates a non-essential business or undertaking under the Public Health Direction must not temporarily divide any usable indoor space or usable outdoor space for the purposes of calculating usable space.

What are my responsibilities?

- All sporting organisations, clubs and venues must have a Return to Play in a COVID Safe Environment plan or a COVID Safety Plan (whichever is relevant).
- Facilities must clearly display occupancy allowance at the entrance to the venue as well as display additional signs with area occupancy for separate individual spaces.
- Sport or venue must have a [Return to Play in a COVID Safe Environment plan](#), or a COVID Safety Plan (whichever is relevant).
- Limit the sharing of equipment as much as possible, and as a minimum clean between each use.
- Put a process in place to ensure that shared equipment is appropriately cleaned between each use.
- Ensure facilities (for example canteens and change rooms) are only opened with appropriate physical distancing and cleaning procedures in place.
- For larger team sports, consider maintaining smaller separate groups at training.
- Maintain a minimum number of officials and coaches.
- Avoid gatherings taking place in communal areas and patrons are encouraged to leave straight after play.

What are the community responsibilities?

- The public should continue to abide by the “get in, train, get out” principal and not gather in communal areas before or after training.
- Ensure you properly clean equipment between each use.
- Maintain personal hygiene, including regular hand washing.
- Stay home if unwell.
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

What does the public need to know?

- Continue to practise good hand and respiratory hygiene, physical distancing, stay home if you are unwell and get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19.
- You should also download the COVIDSafe app and ensure you provide your first name and contact number to any businesses that are required to ask for contact tracing purposes.
- Download the COVIDSafe app, join [Flu Tracker](#) and participate in important [YourSay Community Panel](#) engagements and health surveys that will help the ACT respond the best that it can.

(For more information, and to read the complete changes: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/what-you-can-do/faqs-changes-to-restrictions/sport-recreation-pools>)

Each individual sporting organisation from peak bodies to individual clubs must develop a Return to Play in a COVID-safe Environment Plan (HACT Return to Play Framework) to guide your return.

The ACT Government is mandating training be conducted under the policy of:

“Get In, Train/Play, Get Out!”

Meaning that individuals are not permitted to linger within facilities prior to or after training.

Hockey ACT Protocols

To ensure that Hockey ACT is meeting all ACT Sport & Recreation requirements; the following Hygiene, Training, Playing and Facility guidelines are being implemented at all Hockey ACT venues:

GENERAL HYGIENE GUIDELINES

- Sharing of personal equipment is not permitted and under no circumstances should an individual handle equipment that is not theirs. - Including but not limited to Hockey sticks, shoes, clothes, face masks, shin pads etc.
- Mouth guards are to only be placed in mouths or storage containers. Please do not place them on facility surfaces or put them in socks. Each time a mouth guard is touched individuals should use hand sanitiser or wash their hands.
- Team equipment and training aids should only be handled by one person during a session. This person must be responsible for set up and pack up of equipment. The same individual will be responsible for ensuring all equipment is wiped and sanitised at the completion of each session and game.
- Players are to avoid handling hockey balls during sessions and games where possible.
- Bibs may be used for training. However, they should not be swapped between players during a training session or shared between groups.
- Social distancing rules apply to all training sessions and games on and off the pitch - Training drills should be designed with social distancing measures in place meaning individuals remain at least 1.5m apart. Incidental and full contact may resume for training and games. However, where possible, be kept to a minimum.
- Social Distancing rules apply to all training and games, where applicable (in regards to umpires and officials, where contact should be avoided by/with players).
- Personal hygiene guidelines:
 - Take care to store your mouthguard appropriately when not in use
 - Do not share drink bottles, clothing, towels etc.
 - Bring your own water bottle/s to training and games filled with sufficient quantities to get through a training session and/or games. Taps will be available however usage is discouraged unless essential
 - Use hand sanitiser when entering the pitch and as required during your training session and/or game. ***Please be advised that this the responsibility of the individual, and will be a requirement that you bring your own hand sanitiser when attending Hockey ACT facilities. (This is to avoid multiple handling of the same hand sanitiser.)**
- **Change rooms will be closed for training and games.**
- Arrive at training and games dressed and ready to play. Shower at home prior to training/game-day and wear clean clothing.
- Shower at home after training/game-day and wash clothing to reduce transmission risks.

GENERAL TRAINING GUIDELINES

- A total of two (2) groups of one hundred (100) participants maximum can train on one hockey pitch at any one time. This total of 100 includes all participants, coaches, manager or team officials involved with a training session. No other individuals will be permitted access to the field of play.
- Fields will be split into halves, as based on the half-way line. Hockey ACT will do our best to provide additional goals across the fields to accommodate the halves.
- Should your Club only have 1 group during an allocated training session they may use the entire field.

- Every individual involved in the group must be registered for the 2020 season. This is to ensure that we can notify individuals should an outbreak occur and also ensure that individuals are covered by insurance.
- An individual can only interact with 99 other people during the training session. Under no circumstances are people to switch between groups during a training session.
- A player may now attend up to two (2) training sessions per day. Team/club officials may coach/manage multiple groups in one day.
- ACT Government Social Distancing of 1.5m (or 1 person per 4m²) must be adhered to all times.
- Full contact training may resume, meaning game simulations/practice matches are now able to take place in training with normal match intensity. However, where possible, this should be kept to a minimum.

GENERAL GAME-PLAY GUIDELINES

- A total of two teams maximum can enter the field of play for a game, on one hockey pitch at any one game time. The total number of participants per team are sixteen (16) players and four (4) non-playing team officials. No other individuals (including non-participating minors) will be permitted access to the field of play or team benches.
- In addition to the above teams allowed on pitch, up to five (5) game officials may have access to the field of play. This total includes all umpires and tech bench officials.
- Every individual involved in the game must be registered for the 2020 season. This is to ensure that we can notify individuals should an outbreak occur and also ensure that individuals are covered by insurance.
- Players intending to play multiple games, can do so in line with Hockey ACT Competition Guidelines.
- Team/club officials may coach/manage multiple games in one day.
- Umpire and Officials have no limit to the number of games they may umpire or tech bench per day.
- ACT Government Social Distancing of 1.5m (or 1 person per 4m²) must be adhered to at all times, where applicable.
- High fives, hugs, hand-shakes and other forms of congratulatory physical contact between individuals must be avoided.
- Penalties have been increased for offences involving spitting and unnecessary contact.

PITCH & FACILITY GUIDELINES - TRAINING

- If you are unwell please do not attend training or Hockey ACT facilities.
- **Spitting is NOT permitted.** Any person seen spitting will be asked to leave the facility immediately. Further suspensions may apply.
- Staggered training times will apply as follows, to limit groups in walk-way/communal areas at once:
 - LYNEHAM: The Carter and Watt fields will run exact on their scheduled times. The Powell field will run 10 minutes delayed. (Eg. If your session is stated as starting at 7pm, it will now start at 7.10pm. If your session is stated as starting at 7.30pm, it will now start at 7.40pm. Powell field only.)
 - TUGGERANONG: The Kjar and Taylor fields will run exact on their scheduled times.
- No individual should arrive more than 15 minutes prior to their designated training start time.
- Each pitch will have entry and exit points. Participants are to only access the fields and leave the fields via these points. This is to avoid participants from different groups congregating in high traffic areas.
- To avoid groups mingling with other groups, Hockey ACT will have gathering/meeting points for each group where they can meet prior to training commencing. We ask that players adhere to these gathering zones:
 - All groups will be required to wait in their designated meeting points before their scheduled training time.
 - It will be the Clubs' responsibility to designate groups with their meeting points.

- Groups are welcome to stretch within these meeting points. All warm ups (jogging, dynamic exercises) must be completed on the field during allocated training time. Social distancing protocols must still be adhered to at all times.
- Training Attendance Sign-In Sheets: Hockey ACT will no longer be collecting training attendance sheets. As such, it will now be the requirement of all Clubs to record attendance for every group that attends training, as follows:
 - Attendance can be collected however the club sees fit (paper or digital), and can be recorded either before, during or after the session. You will not be required to email or hand into HACT.
 - Please ensure exact records are maintained, as these may be requested if an outbreak occurs.
 - Players must still be registered in RevSport before they can attend training, to ensure they are covered by insurance.
 - Attendance information must include the following information about every participant at training: Date, Club, Field, Training time, Player name and RevSport National ID.
- Groups should be prepared for the end of their session and be vacating the field when their session ends, not packing down.
- Groups must vacate the facilities within 5 minutes of their training session finishing.
- Groups are not permitted to enter the field of play prior to their training start time.
- Hockey ACT requests that no one enters tech bench areas for any reason. We also encourage groups to limit use of team bench areas if it can be avoided.
- HACT goals must NOT be moved at any time. Half-line dividers (snakes) may be adjusted for use of the full field.
- Any personal or team equipment cleaning must be done before the end of the training session, and off the pitch.

PITCH & FACILITY GUIDELINES - GAMES

- If you are unwell please do not attend games or Hockey ACT facilities.
- **Spitting is NOT permitted.** Any person seen spitting or blowing their nose without a tissue or handkerchief will be issued a replaceable red card, as per 2020 rule amendments. Further suspensions may apply.
- Arrivals and Departure time allowances must be strictly adhered to:
 - SENIORS: No individual should arrive prior to the commencement of the game prior to their match and all players are required to leave before the end of the game immediately following their match. Eg. Players will have a maximum 4 ½ hour window to be present at the facility.
 - JUNIORS: No individual should arrive more than 30min's prior to the commencement of their game. Participants and guardians are asked to leave the centre within 15mins of the conclusion of their game. It is important to remind all players that they should be arriving ready to play. Eg. Players will have a maximum 1 ¾ hour window to be present at the facility.
 - U11s & HOOKIN2HOCKEY: No individual should arrive more than 10 minutes prior to their designated game or session start time. Participants and guardians are asked to leave the centre within 5mins of the conclusion of their game or session. Eg. Players will have a maximum 1 ¼ hour window to be present at the facility.
- Each pitch will have entry and exit points. Participants are to only access the fields and leave the fields via these points. This is to avoid participants from different teams congregating in high traffic areas.
- To avoid groups mingling with other groups, Hockey ACT will have gathering/meeting points for each team where they can meet prior to the game commencing. We ask that players adhere to these gathering zones:

- All groups will be required to wait in their designated meeting points before their scheduled game time.
- It will be the Clubs' responsibility to designate teams with their meeting points.
- Teams are welcome to stretch within these meeting points. All warm ups (jogging, dynamic exercises) must be completed on the field during allocated game time. Social distancing protocols must still be adhered to at all times.
- The regular submission of team lists in RevSport prior to the game will continue as normal.
- Teams should be prepared for the end of their game and be vacating the field within 5 minutes of their game ending.
- Teams awaiting entry to the team benches, must wait until the dugout is completely vacated from the previous game's teams and officials before entering the dugout. Please ensure to remain 10 metres away, until team bench is clear.
- Hockey ACT requests that no player or team officials enters tech bench areas for any reason.
- Any personal or team equipment cleaning must be done away from the facility.

CHANGEROOM, TOILET & INDOOR FACILITY GUIDELINES

The following facilities will remain open:

- Public toilets will remain open with additional cleaning scheduled for these areas.
- Vending machines can be used and will be wiped down regularly.
- Ray Brown Indoor Stadium – Open for bookings for a maximum of 100 people.
- Tuggeranong Hockey Park – Open (HACT Approved & Booked Training Sessions & Games Only)
- Pick Up Stix Kitchen & Bar – Open (Patron limits apply)
- Tuggeranong Canteen – Open (Patron limits apply)

The following facilities remain **closed**:

- All change rooms.
- All Hockey ACT meeting rooms.
- The Hockey ACT office will remain closed to the public.
- ATM.

Hockey ACT has a number of businesses operating within its facilities. Their current operating status is:

- PowerHouse Physiotherapy: Open
- Evolve Gym: Open
- Select Sports: Open
- Canberra City Gymnastics: Open
- Wilson's Car parking Tuggeranong: Operating without change.

PARENT, GUARDIAN & SPECTATOR GUIDELINES – TRAINING

To protect the Hockey ACT community, under these guidelines, no spectators will be permitted inside the Hockey ACT facilities during training. A spectator free environment is the preferred option however for transport and the safety of minors, juniors (individuals under the age of 18) will be permitted the accompaniment of **ONE** (1) adult parent or guardian, noting the following:

- Only **ONE** (1) parent or guardian will be allowed entry to a Hockey ACT facility with each junior participant.

- Parents/Guardians must exercise appropriate social distancing at all times whilst within Hockey ACT facilities. ACT Government Social distancing and hygiene practices must be observed, including any guidelines that may be specific to your club.
- Major walkways and thoroughfares must be kept clear at all times. It is recommend parents/guardians utilise grandstand/seating areas when inside the facility.
- Parents/guardians that are required to remain in the group to support the team, will be considered part of the training group up to 100 people (such as coach, manager or team official), or up to 50 participants for games.
- Parents/guardians are permitted in the team gathering points to supervise children and be recorded on the team attendance sheet. No parent/guardian is permitted to enter the field of play
- Other siblings are not able to attend the matches/training if they are not players. It is a strict limit of one parent/guardian per junior player (individuals under the age of 18). **Please note, this is a “common sense” rule. Other siblings may attend if you are unable to organise alternative supervision arrangements.*

Junior Participant collection areas will be in operation near the entry to Hockey ACT owned facilities. These areas will be available for small numbers waiting on collection. Parents/guardians need to be aware that we are aiming to have all participants cleared from the facility within 5 minutes of the scheduled end of each session and plan collection accordingly. Under no circumstances are cars to park in the collection zones.

**Please Note: It has been noted that due to staggered training times, some parents may be waiting on players from different fields (Eg. One child playing on the Watt at 5pm, and another on the Powell at 5.10pm), causing them to be in the venue for extended periods of time. In these circumstances, it is fine for parents to wait in the venue for additional time to collect all of their children.*

PARENT, GUARDIAN & SPECTATOR GUIDELINES – GAMES

With a maximum of **ONE HUNDRED** (100) Spectators allowed for games and matches only, the following will apply at all Hockey ACT venues:

- Each participant is allowed to have **TWO** (2) spectators maximum attend a match. This applies to both senior and junior players.
- The maximum of **TWO** (2) spectators must include any parents, guardians and carers required to be in attendance. This allowance is NOT in addition to.
- All spectators must record their attendance online with Hockey ACT via the [Spectator Attendance Register](#). QR Codes/venue links will be readily available for scanning around all Hockey ACT venues. Attendance must be completed within 10 minutes of entry.
- Anyone attending the facility as a spectator or any team official (that is not a coach or manager of a team, or umpire/TO) must complete the Spectator Attendance Register upon entry.
- Each time a spectator attends a venue across the weekend, they must complete the Attendance Register. If they attend different venues throughout the weekend, they will need to complete one for each venue upon entry.
- No unaccompanied minors may enter as spectators. They must have a parent/guardian present with them at all times whilst within the facilities.
- Spectators (excluding Parents/Guardians of junior participants) may only be present at a Hockey ACT Facility for the duration of the game. They may enter no more than 10 mins prior to the game, and must be exiting the facility within 10 minutes of the game finishing.
- If the TWO (2) spectators live in the same residence they only need to complete the online Spectator Attendance Register once. If they do not share a residence, each spectator must complete the Spectator Attendance Register.
- People with no link to matches should not attend.

- Major walkways and thoroughfares must be kept clear at all times. It is recommended spectators utilise grandstand/seating areas when inside the facility. Spectators must be seated where possible.
- All Spectators must exercise appropriate social distancing at all times whilst within Hockey ACT facilities. ACT Government social distancing and hygiene practices must be observed, including any guidelines that may be specific to the venue.
- Please be advised that hand sanitiser is the responsibility of the individual, and will be a requirement that spectators bring their own hand sanitiser when attending Hockey ACT facilities. (This is to avoid multiple handling of the same hand sanitiser.)
- Spectators (other than Parents/guardians of junior participants) are not permitted in team gathering points. No spectator is to enter the field of play.

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****Please Note:** It has been noted that due to staggered and differing game times, some parents may be waiting on players from different fields (Eg. One child playing on the Watt at 5pm, and another on the Powell at 5.10pm), causing them to be in the venue for extended periods of time. In these circumstances, it is fine for parents to wait in the venue for additional time to collect all of their children.*

FACILITY SUPERVISORS

Hockey ACT Facility Supervisors will be monitoring venues, ensuring members are complying with the Return to Play Guidelines during game rounds. Please listen out for announcements, and do as you are requested by the Facility Supervisor on duty. Any person found not to be abiding by guidelines within a Hockey ACT facility, will first be issued a warning. If further grievances occur, the individual may be removed from the venue.

CLEANING REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

A full venue clean will be carried out on a weekly basis at all Hockey ACT facilities, with extra cleaning to focus on the following areas:

- High traffic areas
- Handrails
- Toilet facilities – including doors, benches, hand dryers, paper towel bins emptied
- Rubbish bins will be placed outside of toilet facilities to encourage patrons to open doors with hand towels then dispose of on exit
- Paper towel, and soap levels to be monitored regularly

In addition to the above, Hockey ACT will conduct regular hygiene checks to ensure all Hockey ACT venues and facilities meet the requirements set out by ACT Government and ACT Sport & Recreation directives.

OUTBREAK & REPORTING GUIDELINES

If an outbreak of COVID-19 does occur among the Hockey ACT Community, Hockey ACT and its affiliates must fully cooperate with the relevant local authorities. Should an outbreak occur, we must be ready to act quickly following instructions which may include restriction of activity, quarantine of teams and close contacts for a specified period.

If a member of your Club or Association tests positive for COVID-19, this should immediately be reported to a Club Committee member who will report it to Hockey ACT. Hockey ACT will work with ACT Health & CDC officials who will advise of further actions to be taken.

What if I discover I have COVID-19?

- Follow all medical advice given to you by the health authorities.
- Contact a representative from your club and notify them. Please make the club aware of any training sessions and/or games you have attended.
- Do not attend a Hockey ACT facility until cleared to do so by health professionals.

What if a member notifies the club that they have tested positive for COVID-19?

- Ask the member for what dates and sessions they have attended training and/or games and record their responses.
- Notify Hockey ACT ASAP of this information.
- Don't panic, follow advice and assist as requested.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- Record attendance at training and games for every group and include players, coaches and officials.
- In the event of a positive COVID-19 test follow the procedures outlined above.
- Individuals, clubs and Hockey ACT will work with ACT Health to support contact tracing efforts.
- Follow advice given by health professionals especially in regards to quarantine periods.
- Hockey ACT will close facilities immediately and work with health authorities on a plan to make the facility safe to reopen.

Privacy Notice: With relation to outbreak reporting and incident management; the privacy of all parties is to be maintained, whilst following ACT Health directives. All matters must be treated confidentially, and with a high degree of sensitivity and respect to those involved.

RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS

Hockey ACT is aware of people's enthusiasm with the return of Hockey in the ACT. These are unique times and we encourage individuals to adhere to guidelines and exercise caution. Hockey ACT will be following ACT Government advice as it prepares to commence and run the season. To avoid confusion, Hockey ACT will be updating these guidelines and only including information that is relevant for the current situation.

We encourage all participants and guests to please adhere to the guidelines outlined above. Failure to do so will ultimately only see a delay or cancellation of the season. We love your passion for the game and very much appreciate it, however now is the time to be patient and move through the steps required to get back to full competition.

Failure to adhere to any of the above guidelines by an individual, team or club may result in their removal from Hockey ACT venues, events and competitions.

If you have any questions about the above, please refer to the ACT Government and ACT Sport & Recreation resources in the first instance, and if required then contact Hockey ACT.

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