

COVID-19 Update – October 08, 2021

To Our Members,

The NSW Government has published an updated Public Health Order which outlines restrictions in place from Monday 11th October 2021.

The *Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021* is available for download [HERE](#).

The Office of Sport who having consulted with NSW Health has provided advice to support the sport and recreation sector as it prepares to recommence activities.

All members participating in Community Sport Training activities MUST be registered & financial in the Baseball NSW Registration system for the 2021/2022 Season to be covered by the Baseball Australia Insurance.

Insurance is applicable from the date of registration for each member as long as they have complied with the Health Order and not contravened any Governing body mandate.

From Monday 11th October 2021 -

Maximum number of persons — outdoor sport or exercise

- Clause 2.13 of the Public Health Order states that people can undertake sport and exercise at outdoor public gatherings in groups of up to 20. This figure includes participants, coaches and support staff and spectators/parents. All participants (16 years and older) must be double vaccinated as per the current Public Health Order.
- This will enable community sport training activities that are compliant with the Public Health Order to take place.
- Organisations are expected to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

PLEASE NOTE – although the outdoor gatherings and recreation limit has been increased from 20 people to 30 people, this **DOES NOT** include Community Sport Training activities where the maximum number of people gathering for Community Sport Training Activities remains at 20.

In compliance with the Public Health Order, organized Community Sport Competition is still not permitted at this time, it is Community Sport Training Activities only.

Please check with your relevant local Council to ensure that your ground can be booked for Community Sport Training Activities as some local councils are not permitting Community Sport bookings until the Monday after 80% double vaccination has been achieved in NSW.

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Maximum number of persons—group classes and activities at recreation facilities (indoor)

- Clause 2.9 of the Public Health Order states that ‘the occupier of a recreation facility (indoor) in the general area must not allow more than 20 persons to attend a group class or other group activity at the facility.’
- The occupier of an indoor recreation facility must not allow the total of more than 1 person per 4 square metres, as per Clause 2.3 (1) a).
- Multiple group activities or classes of up to 20 persons may take place within an indoor recreation facility provided the facility complies with the Public Health Order.
- This will enable community sport training activities compliant with the Public Health Order to take place.
- Facility operators must have a ‘Gyms and indoor recreation’ COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Parents accompanying children under 16 years of age

- Clause 2.18(3) of the Public Health Order states the occupier of higher risk premises in the general area must ensure that a person who is under 16 years of age and who is not a fully vaccinated person is not on the premises unless the person is accompanied by a person who is -
 - (a) a member of the person’s household, and
 - (b) a fully vaccinated person.
- A higher risk premises includes an entertainment facility, a major recreation facility, hospitality venues, places of public worship, and premises at which a significant event is being held, other than a small funeral or memorial service or small wedding service.
- Indoor recreation facilities are not classified as a higher risk premises.

An unvaccinated parent who is accompanying a person under the age of 16 must not leave their vehicle once they have arrived at the Community Sport Training Activity.

It is the responsibility of the clubs to confirm the vaccination status of their members upon arrival to training which is viewable on the Medicare App.

Please refer to the online service: [Express Plus Medicare mobile app - Services Australia](#) and [the NSW Proof of COVID-19 vaccination – What you need to know document](#).