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## RETURN TO PLAY IN A COVID-SAFE ENVIRONMENT PLAN

Update at 24 February 2021

On 19 February 2021, the ACT Government announced it would further ease Covid-19 restrictions on sport and recreation in the ACT. Eased restrictions relate to permitting larger numbers of spectators at indoor and outdoor sporting events.

**From 9:00am on Saturday 20 February 2021:**

- Gatherings of up to 1000 people (participants and spectators) are permitted for outdoor community sport activities provided there is ongoing compliance with the existing limitations on physical density (one person per 2m<sup>2</sup>) and physical distancing (1.5m), and that good hygiene measures are in place and practised to lower the risk of virus transmission.

**Given the Club rarely attracts a significant number of spectators, this change will not materially affect the way the Club operates.**

**The Club has adopted the following rules for play while these updated Covid-19 restrictions apply (and will continue to review and modify them if the restrictions change again).**

### KEY RULES

1. **Stay away from the Club if you are unwell and/or have any virus like symptoms.**

### **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT CLUB AT ANY TIME – UP TO 100 PLAYERS & UP TO 100 SPECTATORS**

2. **The maximum number of people playing AC, GC or GB (including players, coaches and members providing support for group hirings) or spectating at the Club at any one time is 1000.**
  - a. The philosophy underpinning the ACT Government's Covid-19 restrictions still encourages people to arrive for their community sports activity, train and/or play, and then leave after you have finished playing.
  - b. For outdoor sports venues we need to maintain a physical density of no more than one person per 2 square metres and physical distancing between any spectators.

### LAWN AVAILABILITY

3. **All courts are open for practice/play.**
4. **Regular scheduled draws are operating and have priority over other lawn bookings.**
5. **For play or practice at other times, please book a 1-2 hour block on the CCC Calendar on the Club website at: [Booking Calendar : CCC Booking Calendar \(canberracroquet.org.au\)](http://Booking Calendar : CCC Booking Calendar (canberracroquet.org.au)), but do NOT book lawns where blocked out (eg lawn mowing Tues AM).**
  - a. Please indicate the number of members who will play in your booking and whether you are playing AC, GC or GB to assist double banking.
  - b. If you have trouble booking, ring the Club Captain (Peter Freer) on 0412 178 254.
6. **When you arrive at the Club to play in a scheduled weekly draw or for play/practice at other times, please write your name in the attendance book.**
  - a. While the ACT Government Covid-19 restrictions no longer require sports clubs to maintain these records, the Club is retaining this requirement in our Covid-Safe Plan because we believe that in the event a Club member tests positive to Covid-19 the attendance book will assist ACT Health conduct contact tracing.
  - b. In addition, by entering your name in the attendance book you are covered in the event you ever need to make an insurance claim while playing croquet at the Club.

7. **When at the Club, please comply with all social distancing rules – follow the requirements on physical density (one person per 4m<sup>2</sup> for indoor space; one person per 2m<sup>2</sup> for outdoor activity) and physical distancing (1.5m). DO NOT congregate.**
  - a. **In particular, please do not congregate under the awning or near the entrance to the clubhouse.**  
It has been noted that on occasion some members attending draws are gathering around the clubhouse doorway and are not strictly adhering to social distancing requirements.

#### **CLUBHOUSE ACCESS**

8. **A maximum of 6 people is permitted in the clubhouse at any one time – given the size of the clubhouse this is consistent with the physical density limitation of 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup>.**
  - a. The Club has registered to use the CBR QR Code and our allocated QR Code is now in the clubhouse (on the window above the Club laptop). The QR code only increases capacity to 1 person per 2 square metres, so even with the Code our clubhouse capacity only increases to 12 people.
  - b. The Committee proposes that the QR Code is only used for special events when a slightly great capacity is required (eg Committee and Playing Committee meetings where there are 8 Committee members; small coaching workshops, etc).
  - c. For Club draws please keep numbers in the clubhouse to a maximum of 6.
9. **If you use the Club laptop (eg to book another session) please use hand sanitiser or wash your hands before and after use.**
10. **The toilet is available for use. Please wipe down surfaces and seat before & after use.**

#### **KITCHEN ACCESS & FOOD PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

11. **Given the limited space in the kitchen, a maximum of one person is permitted in the kitchen at any one time.**
12. **If you use the kitchen to prepare a drink or get some food, please clean up after yourself by washing, drying and putting away any dishes and kitchen utensils that you use.**
  - a. If the kitchen is left in an untidy state, we will review whether the kitchen remains open to members while Covid-19 restrictions are in place.
13. **Please do not bring food from home for consumption by others.**
14. **Please use tongs to get biscuits out of the biscuit container since this avoids hand contact with biscuits, and please wash/wipe down the tongs after use.**

#### **GOOD HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS**

15. **Bring your own hand sanitiser, tissues and wipes.**
16. **Sanitise your hands after opening and closing the car park, clubhouse and shed padlocks and the clubhouse door.**
17. **The Club has provided hand sanitiser next to the hoop rack, at the wash basin, and next to the Club laptop to supplement your personal supply. Club members will monitor usage and replenish supplies as necessary, but please advise a Committee member if hand sanitiser supplies are low or exhausted.**
18. **Wipe the hoops and pegs after play when you return them to the hoop racks. Wipe Club mallet handles after play. Wipe AC and GC clips after games. Wipe door handles. Sanitiser or soapy water is OK.**
  - a. Only handle your own mallet & your balls (use your foot as much as possible).
19. **Wipe balls after play – with soapy water (sanitiser may discolour balls) – and wipe ball box handles before returning ball boxes to the clubhouse.**
20. **Wash your hands often! Gloves are good, but aren't enough if you touch something & then touch your face with the glove.**

#### **AT THE END OF A SCHEDULED DRAW OR YOUR BOOKING**

21. **Upon completion of play, return hoops, balls, clips and mallets to the clubhouse. Wipe them down after use.**
22. **Lock the clubhouse door on departure. The last person to leave the car park should lock the padlock.**

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HIRINGS**

23. Should groups hiring the lawns use the clubhouse for any purpose (eg use toilet, etc), members taking that group hiring are requested to wipe down and disinfect hoops, mallet handles and balls; and all frequently used surfaces in the clubhouse including: door handles, light switches, toilet door handle, toilet seat, wash basin, and any tables and chairs used.
- a. People in the playing group are only permitted into the clubhouse to use the toilet and for no other purpose.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE VISITED COVID-19 AFFECTED AREAS**

24. The Club recognises the importance of ensuring the safety of our members. The Club also acknowledges that from time to time the Club members and visitors to the Club, including the members of a group hiring our lawns, may have travelled outside of the ACT for personal reasons.
- a. We are asking all members and visitors who may have recently travelled to a "Covid-19 Affected Area" listed on ACT Government's Covid-19 Community Travel page (<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/travel>) to
    - i. Stay away from the Club and follow the ACT Government's Covid-19 health protocols related to quarantine/self-isolation following your return from an affected area;
    - ii. Monitor your health and get tested if you experience Covid-19 symptoms, or get tested immediately.

## **GENERAL HEALTH ADVICE**

Make your own decision about resuming play, but please note ACT Government advice remains that "participants who are aged over 70, aged over 65 with pre-existing condition or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged over 50 with pre-existing conditions are advised to stay home wherever possible for their own protection".

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

For the information of members, this notice will be: circulated to Club members via email; posted on the Club website; and posted on the Club noticeboard. Any updates on ACT Government Covid19 restrictions that impact on community sports participation will be communicated to members in a similar manner.

## **REVIEWING THE PLAN**

The Committee will review the Plan each time the ACT Government advises the Club of modifications to the Covid-19 restrictions applying to community sport, and notify Club members of these changes as necessary.

## **INCIDENT PROTOCOL:**

Any CCC Member who tests positive for covid-19, or realises that they have been in contact with someone who is positive for covid-19, should:

1. stay away from the Club, and follow the ACT Government's Covid-19 health protocols related to quarantine/self-isolation;
2. advise the Club President (Stephen Richards on 0407 300 110) or Club Captain (Peter Freer on 0412 178 254).

The Club will then support contact tracing efforts (eg by providing ACT Health with access to records re who was at CCC & when, etc). This will include alerting CCC members as appropriate.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION ON ACT GOVERNMENT COVID-19**

For further information, please see the following links:

- ACT Sport & Recreation Covid-19 News – <https://www.sport.act.gov.au/about-us/covid19-news>
- return to Play in a Covid-Safe Environment: A Framework for Community Sport in the ACT – [https://www.sport.act.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/1547319/Return-to-sport\\_Framework\\_0.1.pdf](https://www.sport.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1547319/Return-to-sport_Framework_0.1.pdf)

Information on these websites has been used as guidance in the development of this Plan.

**Members are to maintain strict hygiene standards, and hold the Club harmless if they wilfully breach any current COVID-19 rules. Members should monitor compliance with these rules and ensure they are adhered to.**