

# RETURN TO COMMUNITY NETBALL



## RETURN TO PLAY - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - PHASE 4

### When did we return to contact training and match play?

As per the easing of restrictions by the WA State Government, Netball WA (NWA) have approved Phase 3 return to contact training and play as of **6 June 2020**. Phase 4 will commence Saturday 27 June 2020. There are still protocols in place to ensure associations, clubs and teams are abiding by WA State Government restrictions. NWA will continually review our protocols in line with WA State Government restrictions and advise.

### When will Suncorp NetSetGO Programs commence?

The Suncorp NetSetGO program including all three Tiers Net, Set and GO can resume from **6 June 2020**.

### Is a risk assessment required before training can commence and who needs to do one?

A **COVID-19 Safety Plan Sport and Recreation** has been provided by the WA State Government to assist with this process, please update in accordance with Phase 4 guidelines. Associations and clubs are required to complete this documentation and develop the strategies to fill any gaps uncovered- It is highly recommended a Netball specific risk assessment **should** be carried out and prepared specific to the association's environment. The phase COVID-19 Safety Plan must be printed and must display the COVID Safety Certificate.

### What does the lifting of the 100/300 mean for your Association?

Mass gathering restrictions have been lifted and the venue capacity is dictated by the 2sqm restriction.

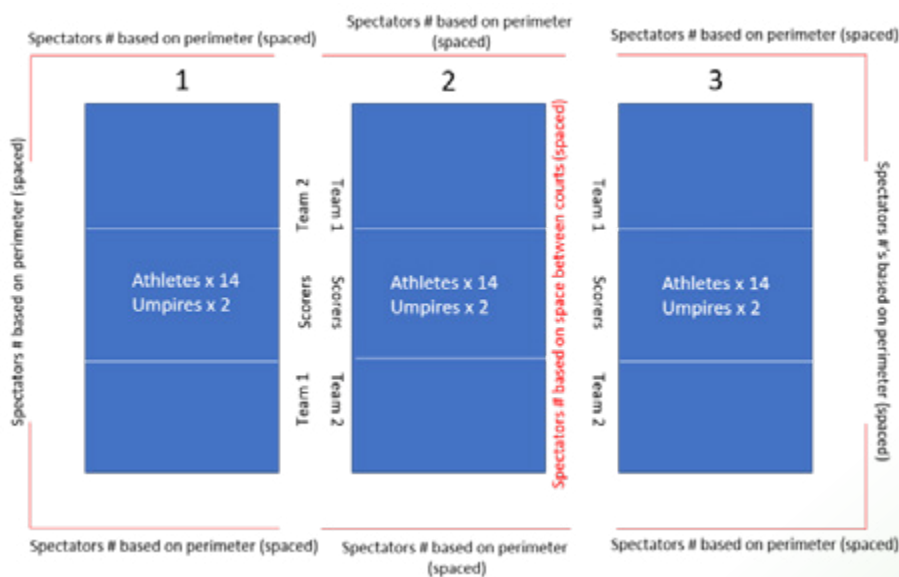
### Are spectators allowed at training and games?

Yes, at the association direction. Spectators may be limited to adhere to the 1.5m / 2sqm restrictions. Recommend 1 per participant in Phase 4.

### How does an association determine its spectator space?

To determine the spectator space between your courts measure the distance between courts, subtract 2m (1m umpire space for each court) and multiply it by the length of the court, then divide this by 2 to determine the number of spectators per space.

See example:



**Designated fixed seating areas** are determined in consultation with venue owner based on 2sqm guidelines.

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### Can teams use bench seats?

Yes, at the association discretion. Capacity determined by 2sqm restriction within spectator area.

### Can spectators BYO their own chair?

Outdoor Venue - Yes, at the association discretion. Please note-BYO seating will reduce spectator capacity.

Indoor Venue – Yes, as determined by Venue/Club/Association

### Do Large scale venue exemptions still apply?

No. All LSV exemptions that have been approved will only be required until 11:59pm on the 26 June. As of 27 June, no LSV exemption is required, and venues can then operate under the 2sqm rule.

### We have not started court training, what do we need to do to return to the courts?

Prior to commencing contact training and competition there are requirements that associations, clubs, teams, and participants must undertake prior to commencing contact training and competition, these include:

- All participants must be registered to NWA.
- Read WA State Government **COVID Safety Guidelines Phase 4** and Complete **COVID-19 Safety Plan** or certificate or obtain a copy from your venue
- Read and complete the Netball WA Risk Assessment template as it applies to your association
- Read understand the resources provided by NWA including:
  - » Return to Community Netball Roadmap
  - » Conditions of venue and training
  - » Role posters
  - » Return to play Phase 4 - Frequently Asked Questions
- Ensure that the association, club, and teams have the required hygiene protocols in place.
- Association and club committees, all coaches and managers to undertake the online **COVID-19 Infection Control Training**, which should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete.
- Ensure all participants, coaches, volunteers, and parents/guardians are briefed on the Phase 4 requirements.
- Ensure relevant COVID-19 posters and information are displayed across the venue.
- Complete Netball WA Association document checklist and return to NWA with supporting documentation.

## FAQ WANL

### If I am playing at 6.15pm can I watch the 8.30pm game?

No. You still need to adhere to the Get in Get Out policy. Players playing at 6:15pm will not be permitted to stay and watch the 8:30pm matches and players playing at 8:30pm will not be permitted to arrive early to watch the 6:15pm matches.

### As a player where do I enter at the Gold Netball Centre (GNC)?

Teams will enter GNC via the door closest to the court on which their match will be played.

### Will teams be able to access the change rooms at the Gold Netball Centre?

Each club will be allocated a changeroom. Use of the changeroom is limited to pre-match strapping, private medical treatment and use of the toilet. The number of people in the changeroom and the amount of time spent in the changeroom must be kept to a minimum. Athletes are encouraged to arrive at the venue ready to play if possible (i.e. strapping done before arriving).

### Are spectators allowed at the Gold Netball Centre?

Spectators are permitted in the venue but must not sit in adjacent seats (i.e. leave a seat between you and the next person).

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### What Netball WA protocols do we have to abide by for Phase 4?

Associations, clubs, teams, and participants must adhere to the following to ensure they are meeting WA State Government restrictions and NWA protocols, but most of all, are staying safe and limiting any potential spread of COVID-19.

- Adherence to NWA hygiene and or venue protocols at all times.
- Physical distancing of 1.5m, good hygiene and 2sqm rule is applied to activities not included in the drills and match play.
- A 20-minute time frame to be allowed between training times – allowing 10 minutes to clear the venue and 10 minutes for the next groups to enter.
- **No person** is to enter the training venue until 10 minutes before their assigned training time. Entry must be via the assigned entry point. Physical distancing must be maintained on entry.
- Adhere to the indoor and outdoor court training as per **COVID-19 Safety Guidelines Sport and Recreation Phase 4**
- All equipment is permitted to be used. Hygiene protocols need to be followed.
- Bibs can be used. Hygiene protocols need to be followed. We recommend using Velcro bibs in competition. Please ensure care is taken when putting on and taking off bibs to minimise contact with players face.
- No sharing of whistles
- Contact training is permitted
- High fives, huddles, handshakes, or other physical contact is not permitted.
- Training is to be no longer than 90 minutes (1.5hour) for Community Netball (this includes warm up time).
- Gold Industry Group WANL Clubs training is to be no longer than 120 minutes (2 hours) (this includes warm up time).
- Cool down and stretching must be completed within the allocated training time or completed when home.
- Player feedback must either be included within the allocated training time or completed later via phone, skype, zoom, email etc.
- At the conclusion of training, groups/teams are to leave the training venue within 10 minutes via the assigned exit. Physical distancing must be maintained on exiting to limit the potential of crossover of training groups.

### Does the Intent to Train/Register of Participants and Training checklist still need to be completed?

No, this is no longer required. Please keep a record of all previous training registers until 28 days after the State of Emergency has been lifted. The coach/manager still has responsibilities to ensure hygiene protocols, physical distancing and athlete health and wellbeing.

### Does the Association still require an Entry (Ingress) and Exit (Egress) Point/s on Match Days?

Yes. Refer to your Association COVID-19 Safety Plan- Phase 4. Hand Sanitiser is required at the Entry (Ingress) point.

### Do we have to check people as they come into the facility for training/matches?

No, but it should be clearly stated in information provided to clubs, teams, and participants and at entry points that no one should attend if they have a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or any respiratory symptoms.

### Do training groups need to remain the same week to week?

No, however it is recommended to continue consistency across team training times and courts to assist with limiting any spread of COVID-19 should an outbreak occur.

### What facilities would be available for use at training venues?

- Changeroom facilities, club rooms, toilets or gyms are accessible to members at the association discretion.
- Water fountains are permitted; regular cleaning required.
- Canteen facilities availability at the association discretion. Still must complete **COVID-19 Safety Plan for Food Businesses and Licences Premises Phase 4** and complete the online **AHA Hospitality and Tourism COVID-19 hygiene course**.



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#### **Can I have a Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager on Match day?**

Community – Yes as per association competition rules

GIG WANL – Yes as per competition rules.

#### **Do I require a team first aid kit at Training/ Match Day?**

Yes, all teams must have suitable first aid kit, with rubber gloves with their teams at their matches and training.

#### **What Scorecards are we required to use for the 2020 season?**

The score card must have enough room to record all match participants' full names (players, team officials, umpires, scorer & timer) and show all 4 quarters and must be completed with each quarter's positions recorded. All scorecards must be kept until further notice by Netball WA.

#### **Can I bring Oranges, Lollies, or other shared food items?**

No, sharing of food is not permitted.

#### **Can my Clubroom (Including bars and restaurants) open?**

Opening of club rooms will be at the direction of the association. Club rooms must comply with the 2sqm per person rule. Each venue must have a COVID Safety Plan that has been developed in consultation with its local government or venue owner. Patrons should practice physical distancing by keeping 1.5m from patrons from other households.

#### **I have asthma, should I keep playing/coaching/volunteering at netball?**

Asthma does not increase your risk of catching coronavirus nor is asthma considered a risk for getting a more severe case of COVID 19 if you do get infected by the corona virus.

#### **I get hay fever and sneeze a lot, should I keep playing/coaching/volunteering at netball?**

Hay fever does not increase your risk of catching coronavirus, but the sneezing may cause concern to others even though you are NOT a risk to others. So make sure you discuss with your doctor the best way to manage your symptoms (e.g. anti-histamines) and always practice good hygiene (i.e. sneeze or cough into elbow and if you use tissues dispose of them in a bin and wash your hands thoroughly).

However, you should note if your symptoms change, particularly if you develop symptoms of a viral illness (sore throat, fever, aches). If that happens you should see your doctor and discuss getting a coronavirus test and not attend netball until these new symptoms go away.

#### **What if I cough due to a chronic illness (e.g. asthma, other chest complaints), am I a risk to myself and others**

As long as you have discussed the chronic illness with your doctor and it is well managed and the doctor has cleared you to be out in public then you are not a risk to others. You should always practice good hygiene and cough into your elbow.

However, you should note if your symptoms change, particularly if you develop symptoms of a viral illness (sore throat, fever, aches). If that happens you should see your doctor and discuss getting a coronavirus test and not attend netball until these new symptoms go away.

#### **What happens if there is a positive test in our group/team at training or in a match?**

If there is a positive case within the team environment, then all participants, coaches and volunteers and coaches who have been in contact will need to self-isolate for 14 days and refer to the State Government health departments processes. If you are feeling unwell you should seek medical advice immediately by calling your GP and please do not attend training.

#### **Should we download the COVID Safe App?**

It is strongly recommended that all participants install the COVIDSAFE App to ensure that any active cases may be tracked and traced if they should arise.

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### **What happens if cases of COVID-19 begin to increase in the community?**

If there is an increase in COVID-19 in the community, and restrictions are tightened by the State Government it may mean a postponement to netball. NWA will continue to take advice and follow direction from the State Government and Netball Australia in this area.

### **Are we liable if there is a positive test in our club/team?**

Consideration of the circumstances around any case would need to be considered to understand if there was any potential liability to an association, club, or team. An association, club or team can limit the risk of being found liable for a positive test case by taking reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within their environment and the wider community, including but not limited to, strictly following the advice and recommendations of NWA, the WA State Government, and the Australian Government.

### **Am I Covered by Insurance?**

If you are a registered member of NWA, you are covered for personal accident through V-Insurance Group. The Scope of Cover Coverage applies whilst members are involved in sanctioned Netball Australia and/or State/Territory and Association activities. These activities include organised club competitions, coaching clinics, official events, playing, training, trialling, official fundraising and social activities and travel to and from these activities. Associations and clubs are covered for Public and Professional Liability and can download their **Certificate of Currency**.

Whilst there is not an exclusion on the Public Liability Insurance policy relating to COVID-19 directly, Netball Australia and its members have a duty to exercise reasonable precautions to prevent personal injury and property damage and to comply with all statutory obligations, by-laws or regulations imposed by any public authority in respect of the safety of persons or property. If Clubs and/or Associations do not comply with State Government regulations, for example by ignoring social distancing or self-isolation requirements then insurers may deny a claim on the argument that you breached this duty of care. If an affiliated Club or Association member innocently breached a government restriction we would hope that your insurers would be considerate however for the avoidance of doubt we would highly recommend members take every effort to follow all governmental guidelines enacted in accordance with the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be reminded that the Personal Accident insurance does not cover any type of illness, such as that which may arise from infection with COVID-19 (in the same way it would not cover the flu).

Cover under these policies is always subject to their terms, conditions and exclusions. Further information can be found **Here** or alternatively contact V-Insurance for more clarification.

### **What happens if there is a breach of the State Government restrictions?**

We ask that all associations, clubs, teams, and players strictly adhere to the guidelines as advised. Fines and imprisonment can apply to clubs, teams and individuals that breach State Government restrictions.

Breach of State Government restrictions include:

- Individuals can be imprisoned for up to 12 months, or fined up to \$50,000,
- Clubs can be fined up to \$250,000 for breaching an enforceable direction as set by the Commissioner of Police.

Breach of the Netball WA Phase 4 protocols may be sanctioned by NWA by measures deemed appropriate.



*Netball WA recommends the use of the COVIDSAFE App to assist the return of netball.*