







# **MEMORANDUM**

То	Netball WA Association Presidents and Primary Contacts
From	Liz Booth, General Manager – Community Netball
Re.	Netball WA COVID Memo - Update 5
Date	Friday 25 February 2022

Dear Association Presidents and Primary Contacts,

An update follows regarding new Level 1 public health measures, which came into effect on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, in preparation for WA's border opening on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

These Level 1 public health measures are applicable to Perth, Peel, South West, Wheatbelt, Great Southern and Pilbara regions and will also become applicable to the Kimberley region from 6am tomorrow, February 26<sup>th</sup> and the Gascoyne, Esperance and Goldfields regions from 6am Monday February 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Indoor Netball**

The 2sqm rule must now be applied to all indoor sporting centres, which determines the maximum number of people permitted in a single undivided indoor area. This is calculated by dividing the floor area of the space by two. Publicly accessible space and changerooms should be included. Mask wearing requirements also remain in place for all indoor netball venues in the applicable regions as follows:

- Masks must be worn at indoor sporting venues at all times by anyone aged 12 and over unless medically exempt, other than participants when they are physically trialling, training or playing on court (exercising vigorously).
- Coaches directly involved with trials, training or competition may remove their mask to communicate with players.















- Umpires may remove their mask while officiating games.
- Players on the bench should wear a mask during games and those leaving the court during games should put a mask on as soon as they have recovered.

#### **Outdoor Netball**

There is no maximum number of persons who may be present for a community sporting activity in an outdoor space, unless it is being held at a major stadium. Masks are not required for outdoor community sport in Western Australia however, it is recommended that masks are worn outdoors where physical distancing of 1.5m is not possible.

### **One-off Events**

For one-off events that require additional local government approval, such as Netball WA's Fuel to Go and Play Association Championships, an event plan or checklist must be completed depending on the number of persons attending. These are not required for weekly netball training or competitions that would be considered 'business as usual'.

COVID Event Plans are required for one-off events with over 1000 patrons, and Checklists are required for one-off events between 501 and 1000 patrons.

A COVID event plan that involves more than 5000 patrons must also be lodged with the Department of Health for approval.

<u>Event Plan</u> - <u>https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/covid-19-event-plan-0</u>

<u>Checklist</u> - <u>https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/covid-19-event-checklist</u>

## **Checking In – Contact Registers**

All netball venues should continue to have written contact registers and QR codes clearly displayed so that patrons can check-in manually or by using the SafeWA or ServiceWA app.



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## Hygiene

It is vital that good hygiene remains a priority for all netball participants and that the following guidelines are observed in addition to the mask-wearing requirements outlined above:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home and seek medical treatment when you are sick
- Practice physical distancing of 1.5m
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your mouth with the pit of your elbow to cough or sneeze
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds if soap and water are not available, please use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- Bring your own water bottle and DO NOT SHARE with anyone
- No sharing of food

## **Further Information**

The netball community is encouraged to remain informed via the State Government's <u>COVID 19</u> <u>Information and Advice website</u>.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please email <a href="mailto:covidinfo@netballwa.com.au">covidinfo@netballwa.com.au</a>

Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation and support.



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