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CRICKET VICTORIA WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE #14 (Dec 8)

Key items to report this week

Although some further announcements were made by the State Government on the weekend, very little impact for community cricket – at this stage.

Outdoor venue capacity has been increased from 500 to 1,000 people per venue

This is based on not exceeding capacity limits for each venue i.e. not more than 1 person per 2m². Note that this ruling is for those outside the rooms (spectators, players, officials etc).

Training group sizes

Now increased from a maximum group size of 50 to 100 per group.

Mask use

Mask use when indoors at cricket training & matches now moves from "mandatory" to "recommended" (and the same for when you cannot maintain a 1.5m distance from others outside too).

Indoor facility areas (such as changerooms) stay at 1 person per 4m² – at this stage

CV has asked the State Government for clarity on whether the indoor facilities at the ground (e.g. social areas, changerooms etc.) can be based on 1 person per $2m^2$ or stays at 1 person per $4m^2$. SRV are in turn seeking clarity from DHHS & have asked to maintain the 1 person per $4m^2$ until confirmed either way.

Mini-bus use / car pooling

Where required, in addition to normal safeguarding children practices (permission from parents, working with children checks in place for adults traveling with children), COVID-19 protocols are also required – wear masks when in the car, open windows (or have the air set to flow - not recirculated), spread out as much as possible, sanitise hands and clean the vehicle touch points.

Indoor sports facilities fully operational

Density limits of person per 4m² applies to indoor sport centres. Indoor cricket matches for adults and juniors are now able to be played and clubs can book indoor centres for lane hire. Clubs needs to work with centre owners in respect to local protocols at the centre based on size / entry points etc.

Theme of "Get in. Train or Play. Get Out" no longer applies

Clubs are encouraged to connect socially at the club with club functions, social events, canteen / kiosks / bars able to be open. Density limits, liquor licensing, social distancing restrictions to be followed (& council approval sought). Clubs should look to maximise time outdoors when planning regular and social events connected to training sessions and matches

State Government QR code system is now up and running

For clubs / associations still looking for a QR code system (or looking for a new one), the free State Government QR code system is now operational and can be used for cricket activities – <u>link here</u>. Clubs can continue to use their existing QR codes in place already.

Reminder - it is "COVID-19 normal" - not normal

Whilst we are back to close to normality, some key aspects remain including - QR code use, ball & hand sanitiser breaks, density limits in place at clubs, no communal food etc. We must still do our part to help keep the community (including players, officials, families and their connections) safe, whilst playing the sport we love.

Various FAQs

The FAQ section of the CV website is a key resource for answers to most questions from clubs.

N.B.: Any further regular updates from CV will be provided when any major state government change is announced or mid-January – whichever is earlier.

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