

Dear Sports Club Representative,

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) update for sporting clubs and park users

Liverpool City Council is closely following the advice of Federal and State health authorities regarding coronavirus as we navigate our way through uncharted waters to protect the community. The following information is intended to provide guidance to sporting clubs and park hirers with respect to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Federal Government has announced new community sport guidelines to combat the spread of COVID-19. The guidelines follow consultation with sporting organisations and provide advice on change room access, physical contact, travel and social distancing and hygiene practices. You can find a full copy of the guidelines as at 9am, 19 March 2020 [here](#)

Liverpool City Council provides the following recommendations to all sport clubs and park users:

1. All OUTDOOR events that attract more than 500 people at any given time should be cancelled.
2. All INDOOR events that attract more than 100 people should be cancelled.
3. The directions of state sporting organisations, NSW Health and the Federal Government take precedence. Clubs should follow the direction of their state sporting organisations with respect to training, match fixtures or events. Where state or national sports organisations advise of the temporary suspension of club activities, Council will support that position.
4. Where there is no direction from a state sporting organisation specific to your sport, you should follow the recommendations from the Federal Government and NSW Health.

For the avoidance of doubt, these guidelines include:

Participants should not attend and participate in community sport if they:

- Have travelled internationally or been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the preceding 14 days; or
- Are at a high risk, including the elderly and those with pre-existing medical conditions.

Attendees

Only essential participants should attend activities, i.e. players, coaches, match officials, staff and volunteers involved in operations and parents/guardians of participants.



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All players and visitors should practise the following social distancing measures at community sporting activities:

- Players, visitors and officials should minimise physical contact as much as is practicable – for example, no shaking hands, no walking out with player mascots, no pre- or post-match celebrations, and no celebrating between players during the match.
- When spectating or attending a game or training session, ensure a distance of 1.5 metres is kept between yourself and others.
- Access to change rooms should be restricted to players, officials and essential staff.
- Sporting teams should participate in local competitions only, with no inter-district or inter-club travel. Basic protective measures should be observed, such as hand hygiene practices before, during and after the match, not sharing drink bottles and avoid touching your face.

General hygiene measures at facilities

Facilities should:

- Ensure spaces, surfaces and objects are cleaned regularly with disinfectant;
- Provide hand washing guidance (www.who.int/gpsc/clean_hands_protection/en/);
- Promote regular and thorough hand washing by staff and participants;
- Provide sanitising hand rub dispensers in prominent places around the event (particularly entry or high-use areas such as a registration desk, change rooms, toilets or kiosk);
- Make sure dispensers are regularly refilled; and
- Promote exclusion of ill persons.

Gyms, indoor fitness centres and swimming pools

Gyms, indoor fitness centres and swimming pools are not required to close at this time providing they meet requirements for social distancing and hand hygiene. Such venues should ensure regular high-standard environmental cleaning takes place.

If you have any further enquiries in relation to the above issue, please do not hesitate to contact Craig Lambeth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator on 8711 7524 or 0436 802 147 at your convenience

Yours sincerely

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