



Sunday Soccer League

**Return to Play in a
COVID-safe
Environment Plan**

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Document versioning

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2.2	30 th October 2021	Updated to reflect Hockey Centre pitch entry/exit changes
2.3	8 th January 2022	Updated with mask guidelines

1. About this document

Sunday Soccer League is committed to delivering an enjoyable and safe football season in 2021/22. This document has been developed based on the COVID guidelines and policies of:

- ACT government; and
- Hockey ACT (venue operator)

2. Resumption of sport

In preparing the **Return to Play in a COVID-safe Environment Plan** the protection of the health of individuals and communities has been the primary focus and will remain the focus of the Sunday Soccer League while the risk of COVID-19 transmission remains.



3. Community responsibilities

- The public should continue to abide by the “get in, play, get out” principal and not gather in communal areas before or after matches.
- Exercise physical distancing.
- Reduce contact with others.
- Ensure equipment is sanitised between each use.
- Maintain personal hygiene, including regular hand washing.
- Stay home if unwell.
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE WHO IS FEELING UNWELL (HOWEVER MILD THE SYMPTOMS) ATTEND ANY HOCKEY ACT FACILITY OR EVENT WHILE THESE GUIDELINES REMAIN IN PLACE AND THE RISK OF COVID TRANSMISSION REMAINS.

4. Communications

The league will communicate all guidelines, including updates as follows.

When?

- At commencement of the season
- Prior to implementing changes based on guideline updates

How?

- Via email
- Via the website (www.sundaysoccer.org)
- Via signage at the Hockey Centre



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5. Review and monitor

ACT government policies and guidelines will be monitoring throughout the duration of the season. This document will be regularly reviewed and updated as necessary. This will ensure the document and advisory guidelines remain up-to-date.

The guidelines will continue to evolve as updated direction is provided by relevant authorities and the document will be updated according. The document's version and date will be marked accordingly.

Changes that impact the league and its participants will be communicated via the identified [communication channels](#).

6. Mask policy

- Masks are mandatory when entering indoor spaces. Masks are advised to be worn by all venue attendees even if they do not enter indoor spaces.
- Masks may be removed during matches. When using the restaurant/bar masks may be removed (rules and guidance will be displayed within the venue).
- Whilst participants do not need to wear masks whilst 'on the bench' it is advised.

7. Spectators

- No unaccompanied minors may enter as spectators. They must have a parent/guardian present with them at all times whilst within the facilities.
- People without a link to matches should not attend.
- Spectators must not enter the field of play.
- Spectators must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres where possible, if not from the same household.



- All Spectators must exercise appropriate social distancing at all times whilst within Hockey ACT facilities. ACT Government social distancing and hygiene practices must be observed, including any guidelines that may be specific to the venue.

8. COVID 'check-in' procedure

All visitors to the Hockey Centre (player or spectators) must check-in using the [Check In CBR](#) app and the QR codes displayed at the venue.

All individuals must check-in. If an individual is unable to do so themselves (e.g. due to age, ability or lack of technology) a member of their party should check-in on their behalf with their permission.

Privacy

The Sunday Soccer League will not collect any data from the Check In CBR app.



9. Incident management

- In the event of a positive COVID-19 test, do not attend the venue. Follow the procedures outlined by ACT government.
- The Sunday Soccer League will work with ACT Health and other government jurisdictions to support contact tracing efforts, if required.
- Follow advice given by health professionals especially relating to quarantine periods.
- The Sunday Soccer League will work with local authorities and Hockey ACT to ensure that the facility can continue to be operate safely.



10. Equipment

Limited equipment will be provided to participants. This includes:

- Footballs
- Hand sanitiser
- Antibacterial wipes
- Medical kit

Equipment procedures

It is preferred that teams supply their own football. However, some community footballs will be provided.

The following procedure must be followed:

1. Clean footballs using provided antibacterial wipes before and after every game.
2. Discard of the wipes in the nearest bin.
3. Wash or sanitise hands.

11. Venue operation

All venue guidelines and relevant signage must be followed by attendees.

Field entry and exit

To reduce traffic during match changeovers, attendees must follow the field entry and exit locations as located on the map prior to and after matches.



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12. References

<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/>

<https://hockeyact.org.au/return-to-play-guidelines/>

<https://www.hockeyact.org.au/competitions-/spectator-attendance-procedures/>



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