

CIRCULAR



Subject: Contact Training and Opening of Clubrooms

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<p>Summary:</p> <p>WA Government has confirmed that football can have groups of 100 on an oval at any one time from the 6th June 2020.</p> <p>Upon gaining approval from your local council, the club may now re-open its clubrooms, licensed areas, canteen, and changerooms and wet areas.</p> <p>COVID-19 requirements relating to match days will be distributed at a later date.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gain local council approval to open your club's licensed areas, canteen, and changerooms and wet areas.2. Measure the square meterage of each club venue area to determine the maximum number of patrons for that area.3. Determine what areas the club will open to patrons to maintain 100/300 rule.4. Write and display your COVID-19 Safety Plan for your bar area.
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CONTACT TRAINING CAN RESUME IF THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE

1. Clubs/teams can undertake full training including tackling, bumping, contested marking and match simulation as per WA Government restrictions which has a maximum of 100 participants per oval up to a maximum of 300 participants at a club venue – 100/300 rule. Umpires and Coaches are not included in the participant count, but players and spectators are included.
2. Contact between players can occur, along with match simulation training. It is recommended that social distancing of 1.5m is maintained where appropriate, along with ensuring only one person per two square metres.
3. Access to clubrooms, gyms, changerooms and wet areas is allowed, however appropriate cleaning of equipment and venues must occur.
4. Footballs and all equipment can be used for all training seasons. Equipment must be cleaned after every session.
5. Trainers can now provide strapping and massage to players although it is important that strict hygiene protocols are adhered to.
6. A log, or register, of all participants in attendance at each training session must be maintained and available upon request by either the League or Health authorities. The Return to Training hygiene practices outlined in this document are to be strictly adhered to.
7. If not completed, coaches, Club Presidents and other club personnel must complete the WA Government's online education - [CLICK HERE](#)

Inter-club scratch matches

At this stage, inter-club scratch matches cannot occur.

Positive test in your team

If there is a positive test within the team then all participants, coaches and volunteers who have been in contact will need to self-isolate for 14 days. You should contact your local council and the League.

If you are feeling unwell then you should seek medical advice immediately by calling your GP. If you feel unwell at all, then please do not attend training at your club.

HYGIENE FACTORS FOR TRAINING

Hygiene Protocols for Training

- Alcohol based hand sanitisers must be available for all teams training sessions, with players encouraged to use prior, during and following training.
- There is strictly to be no sharing of water bottles or towels, and it is important to clean and disinfect these items following each training session. Players should disinfect mouth guards after each session.
- Players and coaches should avoid spitting or clearing nasal passages at training.
- It is still recommended to avoid high fives, hand-shakes or other physical contact.
- Changerooms and wet areas can be accessed, although the principle of 'Get in, Train, Get Out' should still be followed.
- Footballs and equipment should be cleaned following each session. Trainers are allowed to attend training / games. They should maintain really high hygiene principles, including cleaning massage tables after each use.
- If you, or people you have been in contact with are sick, please DO NOT attend training and advise the football coach.

General Hygiene Practices

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds - If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home and seek medical treatment when you are sick
- Cover your mouth to cough or sneeze
- Clubs must ensure that these hygiene protocols are in place for all teams that are training.
- If these protocols cannot be achieved then training should not proceed

CLUB VENUES

Community football is played on public open space and clubs may be limited in controlling the public visiting this space during training or matches. Therefore, club activities should be organised to ensure there is suitable distancing to prevent one gathering encroaching on another.

Clubs should ensure their club venue complies with these COVID-19 Requirements and any other local government requirements before opening.

Whilst during this training period, a club venue includes all areas under the club's control such as;

1. Main clubrooms (social/function area, meeting rooms, gym, changerooms, verandahs, patios, terraced areas)
2. The marked playing surface, including coaching and interchange areas.

A club venue must comply with the 100/300 rule whilst applying the two square metre per patron capacity rule.

Club venue staff such as bar/canteen, cleaners are not included in the 100/300 patron count.

The total number of patrons must not exceed 300 at the club venue (excluding umpires, coaches and club venue staff). This is subject to there being no more than 100 patrons at a time per single undivided space, subject to the two square metre rule.

Calculating the 2 square metre rule

Though the 100/300 rule provides an absolute maximum for club venues, the two square metre rule should be applied first by clubs to ascertain the maximum number of patrons for each club venue zone. If this number is higher than the current maximum of 100 patrons, the 100 maximum still needs to be adhered to.

For example;

- Under the 2 sqm rule, your main social room measuring 300 sqm could have 150 patrons. However, you will still be restricted to 100 patrons in the social room area. The patrons in the social room area will also be included in the total number of patrons in other areas of the club venue such as meeting rooms, in the gym and training on the playing surface. In total, the club venue cannot exceed 300 patrons.
- Alternatively under the 2 sqm rule, a changeroom measuring 50 sqm can only have 25 patrons in the room at the one time. You cannot have 100 patrons in a changeroom this size.

1. Calculate the area of the room (e.g length of room in metres x width of room in metres = area of room in square metres), and
2. Divide the area of the room by 2.

SERVING OF ALCOHOL

Serving of alcohol should be in accordance with the:-

1. Club's Liquor License;
2. Perth Football League Club Alcohol Management Policy; and
3. COVID-19 and Local Council requirements

Your club may open and offer alcoholic beverages with or without a meal whilst adhering to following requirements:

- all patrons must be seated whilst consuming alcohol;
- patrons may order and pay for drinks at the bar but must be seated to consume alcohol;
- provide at least 2 square metres of floor space per person, up to a maximum of 100/300 patrons per venue (excluding staff);
- maintain a register of all patrons' first names, surnames and contact numbers;
- self-completing a COVID Safety Plan and having it available for inspection upon request by an authorised officer;
- display your COVID Safety Plan Certificate in a prominent location visible to patrons;
- Bar staff must complete the [AHA Hospitality & Tourism COVID-19 Hygiene Course](#) before working at the club.

Bars should consider queuing arrangements in their COVID Safety Plans to ensure patrons distance themselves 1.5m from other patrons.

Serving of food

Where a club may offer meals, kitchen staff must complete an [online hygiene training course](#) before working at the club.

Canteens should consider queuing arrangements in their COVID Safety Plans to ensure patrons distance themselves 1.5m from other patrons.

Payments

Promote cashless payments.

After handling cash, ensure hands are washed with soap and water or hand sanitiser is used.

CLEANING OF SOCIAL ROOMS AND CHANGEROOMS

Thorough and regular cleaning of common contacts surfaces, 'high touch' items and shared amenities such as handles, taps, seats, tables, bar counters, changeroom benches, rub down benches, showers and toilets.

Discuss further requirements with your local council.

HYGIENE

All bar staff must complete the [AHA Hospitality and Tourism COVID-19 hygiene course](#) before working at the club.

The free online course covers:

- understanding COVID-19 and venue restrictions
- reporting personal health issues
- maintaining personal and work environment hygiene practices
- reducing cross contamination through procedures
- effective cleaning and sanitising practices.

The course has 2 tiers. All staff will be required to successfully complete tier 1 before their first shift at the club.

Tier 2 is advanced training designed for managers and supervisors. It is not mandatory for all staff or management to successfully complete tier 2, the hygiene officer course. The additional course is recommended to provide extra confidence to staff and patrons of the venue.

Clubs will also have to display signage that the venue is compliant with all conditions. Existing physical distancing regulations for hospitality businesses remain in place, with any future easing of restrictions dependent on expert health advice.

For further information on requirements, and to complete the assessment, visit the [AHA Hospitality & Tourism COVID-19 Hygiene Course](#).