

TOUCH FOOTBALL RETURN-TO-PLAY PROTOCOLS FOR COMPETITION ADMINISTRATORS

Competition Administrators are responsible for enforcing the following protocols and making available the appropriate handwashing facilities along with the following considerations:

- Remain at home if you feel unwell
- Appoint a COVID-19 Safety Coordinator to be the key resource and central point of contact for all matters COVID-19
- COVID-19 Safety Coordinator to review the TFA Return to Play Protocols and complete a COVID-19 Safety Plan, available at www.touchfootball.com.au/coronavirus-return-to-play
- Conduct a risk assessment on the venue in relation to COVID-19 mitigation strategies
- Conduct an assessment of the competition's ability to stay within State and Territory legislation requirements on gatherings – if you are unable to adjust, the competition is unable to resume
- Adjust competition scheduling to adhere to specific State and Territory legislation regarding gathering size
- Complete the COVID-19 (Coronavirus): What It Is, How to Prevent Spread course available for free in [The Nest](#)
- Encourage members to download the *COVIDSafe* app and have it on
- Restrict access to clubrooms, amenities and communal areas to essential members such as Competition Administrators only and, wherever possible, establish separate entry and exit points
- Clean all surfaces and areas at the venue with disinfectant before and after competition nights
- Staff/Volunteers on-site must wear protective equipment (eg, gloves), regularly wash or sanitise their hands and observe social distancing at all times
- Provide sanitiser/disinfectant on each field for both participant use and for use on footballs and other equipment such as cones
- Adjust competition rules to allow substitution from anywhere along the sideline (i.e. no sub-box)
- Remove hire whistles for Referees and hire uniforms/bibs for players/teams/Referees
- Encourage contactless payment options
- Implement alternative forms of player sign-on, such as one referee managing the list
- Remove signing-off scorecards
- Restrict all available tables and seating with clear signage to promote **"Get In. Play and Get Out"** message
- Communicate to players, coaches, spectators and Referees the specific guidelines regarding Social Distancing and Hygiene Measures required
- Communicate to players, coaches, spectators and Referees the game times (and allocations) and venue information in a timely manner prior to the competition starting, to reduce time on-site at the venue
- Report any known cases of or tests for COVID-19 to TFA by emailing coronavirus@touchfootball.com.au then work with your State or Territory Health Department for next steps

If you are tested for COVID-19, immediately notify your Competition Administrators and email coronavirus@touchfootball.com.au to inform TFA



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Read Touch Football's detailed safe return-to-play protocols at
www.touchfootball.com.au/coronavirus-return-to-play

