

COVID-19 Position Statement and Protocols for IPSHA NSW Sport – updated 14 August 2020

As the IPSHA NSW community is well aware, schools are taking the necessary precautions to contain the potential spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in line with the AHPPC Guidelines, AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport, NSW Department of Health guidelines, the majority of independent school protocols and generally accepted community sport guidelines.

We have seen a number of school closures due to diagnosed cases of COVID-19 within their school community in recent months with associated 'deep cleans' before reopening and it is likely that this trend may continue into the foreseeable future. These schools come from across all sectors. In the case of any school with a diagnosed case of COVID-19 in their community (including students, staff, parents and immediate household members and volunteers), anyone who has a member of that affected school community in their household or who has been a close contact is excluded from all IPSHA NSW activities for 14 days from the most recent confirmed case, or from the re-opening of the school following a deep clean, whichever is most recent. For the purposes of clarity, this includes any school noted at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/default.aspx> in the 2020 media releases for the past 14 days.

- IPSHA NSW fixtures will continue to function as per the schedule for the foreseeable future. The Sports Sub-Committee will monitor advice provided by the relevant authorities in concert with the IPSHA NSW Sports Administrator and the State President as required. Please be assured that IPSHA NSW is monitoring the situation closely. Should the State or Commonwealth governments issue new guidelines for how schools need to respond, we will advise the IPSHA NSW community immediately and update our advice and protocols.
- All individual 'participants' (including spectators and officials) are strictly excluded if they have visited Victoria or a border town location on the NSW-Victorian border (e.g. Albury-Wodonga, Moama-Echuca) in the 14 days prior to the event.
- All participants (including spectators and officials) are strictly excluded if they have attended any of the reported case locations listed on the NSW Health website (nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates) in the 14 days prior to the event.
- Students and adults who are in quarantine from their own schools cannot attend or participate in IPSHA NSW fixtures – including training, matches or any other events.
- All close contacts of confirmed cases are excluded. 'Close contact' is defined as living in the same household, 15 minutes face-to-face contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus in any setting, or sharing a closed space with a person with confirmed coronavirus for more than 2 hours.
- Anyone who is awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test, or who has a member of their immediate household, or a close contact awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test, is excluded until advised that those test results are negative.

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- Any student, coach, official or parent or other individual who has any cold or flu like symptoms, COVID-19 symptoms, or has knowingly been in recent close contact with a person displaying said symptoms cannot attend any IPSHA NSW event.
- All participants should be aware that IPSHA NSW Sport takes place at a mix of public, Council venues, and private grounds within school sites. In attending, it is important for participants to acknowledge that some Council-run sites are by their nature more accessible to other members of the general public unconnected with the participating schools and sports. Alternately some schools 'hosting' games on their sites are entitled to put in place additional protocols specific to their organisation, which may include, but not be limited to temperature testing of all participants and attendees, and the use of apps and QR codes to record details of attendees. It is important for all participants to also acknowledge and accept these circumstances.
- Parents from IPSHA NSW schools who are concerned about the risk of infection from contact through sporting fixtures conducted by IPSHA NSW may further exercise their own discretion with respect to their child's participation. This rests within the usual authority of each individual school on a case-by-case basis. Parents are urged to contact their school to discuss their individual circumstances as applicable.
- If teams are so depleted by the quarantine to render the fixture as non-viable, a decision will be made in liaison with John McFadden (IPSHA NSW Sports Administrator) in a timely way in the first instance. The current guidelines stipulate that a fixture should be either postponed or abandoned in these circumstances, and that children should not be used as 'fill ins' to make up teams.
- We thank you for your assistance with this situation and look forward to seeing our students enjoying sport and their return to sport over the coming weeks.

Protocols

In addition to the measures set out in the position statement above, the following specific protocols are also in place:

1. All team kits must include a pump pack of hand sanitiser (please see point 9)
2. Each team coach is responsible to keep a log in which a roll is marked and records against each student's name, the name and contact details (either phone number or email address) for any other person in attendance with that student, e.g. parent for the purpose of supervision etc. Please also refer to point 3.
3. Only one parent or guardian can attend from each family with a student playing for the duration of the fixture. This means strictly only one adult per child at all times. Failure to do

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- so can result in a warning, or a request to leave the venue, or to not attend a venue or fixtures in the future.
4. Sharing /exchanging of personal equipment, clothing or drink bottles is not permitted.
 5. Spectators are mandated to comply with social distancing guidelines and must maintain a minimum of 1.5m social distancing at all times. Failure to do so can result in a warning, or a request to leave the venue, or to not attend a venue or fixtures in the future.
 6. Participants (players, coaches, officials, parents / caregivers) are not to spend any additional time at the venue outside of their match activities and must strictly adhere to the protocol 'Turn Up, Participate, Leave'.
 7. Match ball(s) and other relevant equipment must be wiped over with sanitiser prior to and after each fixture.
 8. 'If in Doubt, Sit it Out' - any student, coach, official or parent who has any cold or flu like symptoms, COVID-19 symptoms, or has knowingly been in recent close contact with a person displaying said symptoms cannot attend any IPSHA NSW event.
 9. Participants must be aware of and maintain proper hygiene measures:
 - Participants must sanitise their hands on arrival pre-warm up and then at the conclusion of the fixture prior to departure.
 - Coaches and students must use the sanitiser provided in the kit bag for this purpose.
 - Spectators and officials at all IPSHA sport are responsible for ensuring they have hand sanitizer for personal use.
 - No shaking hands or contact outside of the rules of play is permitted before, during or after fixtures.
 - All visitors and providers (e.g. referees, external coaches, etc) must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety requirements. Failure to do so may result in a warning or being asked to leave the venue, or to not attend a venue or fixtures in the future.
 10. The use of the COVID Safe App is strongly encouraged in light of its benefits in supporting contact tracing if required.
 11. It is encouraged but not compulsory for spectators to wear masks.