

St Ursula's College COVID Safety Plan – Inter-school Sport

1. Introduction

The purpose of the COVID-19 Safety Plan (**Plan**) is to provide an overarching plan for the implementation and management of procedures by St Ursula's College to support team sports that are played on the College grounds.

The arrangements set out in this Plan are intended to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among participants, coaches, officials, administrators/volunteers, visitors, families and the broader community. The Plan provides the framework to govern the general operation of team field sports, the training and competition behaviour of all members and participants and the monitoring and reporting of the health of attendees involved in the sporting activities or utilising the College facilities.

This plan includes, but is not limited to, the conduct of:

- staged competitive activities (sport operations); and
- facility management and supporting operations (facility operations).

At all times, the Plan is subject to all regulations, guidelines and directions of government and public health authorities. This plan will be updated in accordance with any changes to public health directions.

2. Principles

This safety plan is guided by the following principles:

- **Contact** – full contact is permitted on the 'field of play' in line with pre-COVID contact activities. At all other times, participants, coaches, supervisors, officials, trainers, and spectators are to observe physical distancing requirements and undertake sound hygiene practices as detailed in this Plan.
- **Facility capacity and spectators** – the total number of people attending the activity is to be based on occupant density of one person per two square metres. No spectators will be allowed at the venue. Risks will be managed through mandatory record keeping, through group segmentation and buffer zones as appropriate.
- **Facility usage** – all facilities are accessible in line with relevant health guidelines and directives. Change rooms and bathrooms will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of games, and close 30 minutes after the last game concludes. This plan will outline the use of facilities in relation to cleaning/sanitisation and flow of people. All facility components will be operated in accordance with the relevant approved Industry COVID Safe Plan.
- **Compliance with industry COVID Safe Plan** – all activity is to be conducted in accordance with relevant Industry COVID Safe Plans and Public Health Directives. This includes organisations detailing how all persons at the activity/facility will be tracked, and traced.

These principles will be applied using the Sports Operations and Facility Operations tables below.

Appendix 1: Outline of Sporting Arrangements

Part 1 – Sport Operations

Area	Requirements
Training & Competition Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and non-contact activity permitted on field during training and competition only (see below for physical distancing off-field). • Under Cover Area: capacity to be based on physical distancing requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physical distancing while ‘on the field of play’ is not required ○ The above capacity requirements include players/participants/teams and officials • Contact tracing information must be kept for all participants, officials and anyone else who attends facilities via attendance register and information is retained for 56 days. • Contact information must include name, email address, mobile phone number and date/time period of patronage (time in/time out). • Separation of attendees into zones to prevent and limit co-mingling including players/participants/teams and officials. • Sanitising station in place. • Sharing of some equipment is permitted, however this is to be limited. All equipment must be sanitised before and after use. • No sharing of personal equipment. • No sharing of clothing or sporting uniforms. • Personal hygiene encouraged (e.g. wash hands prior to training/competition, no spitting or clearing of nasal passage).
Physical distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At all times participants, coaches, officials and trainers are to observe physical distancing requirements outlined below with the exception of on-field/field of play contact required for training and competition. • Avoid participant interactions including team huddles, handshakes and high fives. • Limit unnecessary social gatherings. • Maintain base density requirement of 4 square metres per person and physical distancing (>1.5 metres).
Personal health	<p>Field of Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The definition of ‘field of play’ is the court that the activity is conducted on. It also extends to incorporate the use of all facilities (e.g. change rooms, officials’ areas, etc.), specifically required for training and competing. • Physical distancing does not apply on the ‘field of play’ where the activity is being carried out, but should be observed to the extent possible in all other areas of the ‘field of play’.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extension of the 'field of play', allows the full team and required coaching/medical officials to use the facilities without occupant density requirements. This is only permitted if; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no mixing of teams; There are no other persons (e.g. spectators) allowed in with active participants.
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All safe hygiene protocols distributed by nation/state sporting bodies will be adopted by the College. Provide hand sanitiser in prominent places around facilities (at entry point and high use areas, change rooms, toilets), and ensure they are regularly refilled. Promote good hygiene practices in line with Government advice including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning Standards: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure spaces are regularly cleaned with disinfectant in accordance with manufacturer's instructions; Surfaces will be frequently wiped down with appropriate disinfectant wipes or soap, particularly those frequently touched. This includes door handles, light switches, bathroom surfaces, team benches, scoreboard and any other high touch areas; and Adequately clean and disinfect participant facilities before use (prior to participant arrival). Hand and respiratory hygiene will be encouraged.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide detailed communication to all players, coaches, volunteers, families and staff about the contents of this Plan. Brief players, coaches and volunteers regarding hygiene protocols and reinforce hand washing and general hygiene etiquette. Endorsement of government COVIDSafe app and encourage players, coaches, volunteers and families to download and use app. Promote good personal hygiene practices in and around the Under Cover Area (e.g. posters, signage). Share timely and accurate information including how the College is responding to any localised outbreak.

Part 2 – Facility Operations

Area	Requirements
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment completed for all sporting activities. <p>Field of Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The definition of 'field of play' is the court that the activity is conducted on. It also extends to incorporate the use of all facilities (e.g. change rooms, officials' areas, etc.), specifically required for training and competing. Physical distancing does not apply on the 'field of play' where the activity is being carried out, but should be observed to the extent possible in all other areas of the 'field of play'.

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Facility access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed attendance register to be kept for 56 days. <p>Full access to all facilities including change rooms and bathrooms, however the following systems will be in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue entry and exit will be through the main front gate on Queen Street only • Physical distancing will be as seating is set • No community or parent spectators permitted at the venue. St Ursula’s College students and staff excepted. <p>No access will be given to any person who has;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 or has been in direct contact with a known case of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days. • Flu-like symptoms or who is a high health risk. • Travelled internationally in the previous 14 days.
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All safe hygiene protocols distributed by nation/state sporting bodies will be adopted by the College. • Provide hand sanitiser in prominent places around facilities (at entry point and high use areas, change rooms, toilets), and ensure they are regularly refilled. • Increase regular cleans and frequent wiping of high touch surfaces. • Display posters outlining relevant personal hygiene guidance. • The Sports Coordinator will attend each session and be responsible for completing the cleaning requirements.
College responsibilities	<p>The College will oversee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision and conduct of hygiene protocols as per this Plan. • Capture a record of attendance at all training and games, and maintain an up-to-date log of attendance. • Coordinator of play area/training operations.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation of the facilities in support of all training and competition activities in accordance with this Plan.• Compliance issues and the sanction of individuals for non-compliance with any law, direction or protocol.• Determine the basis of enforcing any sanctions and seek advice as required.• Determine circumstances where issues may be elevated to local or State law enforcement agencies. |
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