

Response protocols for confirmed cases of COVID-19 during competition games

To minimise the risk of contracting or transmitting COVID-19, consistent messaging should reinforce that netball participants (players, coaches, parents, volunteers, spectators) must adhere to the following:

- Do not attend netball training or competition if you are unwell and experiencing symptoms such as a cough, sore throat, fever, fatigue or shortness of breath.
- Do not attend netball training or competition if in the last 14 days you have been unwell or had close contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.
- Any participant who is unwell should see a doctor in accordance with local Public Health Authority guidelines.
- Participants should gradually return to training and competition to reduce the risk of injury.
- Consider vulnerable participants as they may be at increased risk.

When a person is a confirmed case of COVID 19, NSW Health is immediately contacted by medical authorities.

Set expectations within netball clubs that the club secretary/ club team personnel be notified immediately of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19. The privacy of the person who has notified the club, should be maintained.

Manly Warringah Netball Association (MWNA) will appoint a COVID 19 Safety Coordinator who oversees the arrangements outlined in the MWNA plan and is expected to have completed COVID-19 training. Clubs should also have a COVID-19 Safety Coordinator. Where possible, all association and club safety coordinator volunteers complete the COVID -19 Infection Control Training.

See: <https://covid-19training.gov.au/login>

Ideally the club appointee should be familiar with the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Plan and be responsible for the review of club protocols as well as review and give feedback about the MWNA Plan to the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Coordinator.

The club secretary should contact the MWNA Secretary, Cathy Hurditch. The MWNA Secretary will liaise with club/s and the Northern Beaches council as required regarding essential safety and hygiene measures to minimise risk.

NSW Health determines whether the netball participant has been infectious while undertaking a netball activity, and determines the appropriate course of action required to minimise the risk to the wider community.

Key actions by clubs include:

- NSW Health will conduct contact tracing to identify all close contacts to a confirmed case. A club's attendance register at a competition may assist while the contact tracing process is completed. This register should also include the name of the umpire or volunteer allocated to the competition game.
- NSW Health will communicate with people advising them whether a participant has been in close contact with a confirmed case. A netball competition game may need to be cancelled or postponed during this period of investigation. The MWNA executive, if required may take broader action to support this process.

- Thorough cleaning of the equipment/kit will need to take place to ensure the environment is clean and safe before resuming netball activity. Bibs worn during the course of the game should be washed by the individual who wore it. Confirm with the Club secretary that game equipment/kit has been given a thorough clean before resumption of netball activities.

How we might support contact tracing by NSW Health

A 'close contact' is someone who has spent significant time either face-to-face either (15mins) or in an enclosed space (two hours or more) with someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus. In a competition setting, this may include a breach of essential hygiene protocols or the sharing of transport between participants/families (also breaching social distancing). Clubs are strongly advised that essential hygiene protocols are followed and monitored by club personnel. An attendance register must be maintained (MWNA templates have been supplied) and club protocols should be known and strictly followed. See the MWNA website under the COVID -19 resources tab the following documents [Essential Hygiene Protocols](#) and [3 Steps to Sanitise your Netball](#)

Clubs should set the expectation that parents/players/ volunteers/ team personnel must notify the club secretary via a phone call and formally in writing if the participant has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 in other settings beyond netball. Netball participants will be required to remain in home isolation and not return to netball activities for 14 days from the last possible contact.

A 'casual contact' is someone who has been at a netball activity at the time the confirmed case was onsite but has not had close contact with the confirmed case. Where a participant is not deemed a close contact to a confirmed case of COVID-19, others should be advised by the club to monitor for symptoms and seek treatment if appropriate. In these situations, other netball participants are not required to self-isolate and can continue to attend training, competition games and engage in their normal activities within the community.

Club members should be familiar with this document to advise what to do if they have been at a netball venue when the confirmed case was considered to be infectious.

Clubs should notify participants when a netball venue is ready to resume activities.

COMPETITION – what happens if a netball participant presents as symptomatic during competition?

The Club is to detail specifics to team personnel of protocols to manage unwell participants at a competition game prior to the MWNA competition commencing.

If a netball participant presents as unwell before the start of the game, send them home immediately.

The club COVID 19 safety coordinator, where possible, should be contacted to assist in the management of symptomatic participants. The participant if unwell during the course of the game, where possible, should leave the venue immediately. If unable to leave immediately, the participant should be directed from the court to the MWNA COVID 19 facility (a marquee).

What happens at COVID-19 facility?

- A marquee will be erected by the MWNA facility coordinator, adjacent to the canteen/main building. On entry to the marquee, health screening measures will apply, such as a temperature check. The participant will be asked to take a seat by an MWNA COVID 19 Safety Coordinator. The seat will be sanitised (antimicrobial product) at the start and the beginning of the day as well as after use by a netball participant. The marquee will be an open (not enclosed) space. A MWNA COVID 19 Safety Coordinator will ensure social distancing is applied while managing symptomatic

participants. Entry and exit points will be determined by the MWNA COVID 19 Safety Coordinator.

MWNA Responsibilities

MWNA will:

- supply equipment such as sanitiser, antiseptic wipes, disposable tissues, garbage liners, garbage bins (sole use), mask, and PPE to cover seats.
- isolate symptomatic participants at competition venues, if they cannot leave the venue immediately.
- educate and train volunteers on the support of symptomatic participants and disinfecting facilities used by such participants.
- supply signage including CPR, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- implement notification protocols as per summary pages 4-6
- implement essential hygiene and safety measures
- support the MWNA COVID 19 Safety Coordinator to liaise with clubs and provide where possible, advice.

Clubs Responsibilities

Clubs will:

- ensure the best possible precautions are in place to protect netball participants undertaking netball activities.
- have comprehensive infection control and first aid arrangements in place and are well practised in implementing practical strategies and standard precautions to prevent the spread of disease in conducting netball activities.
- encourage good personal hygiene, including consistent messaging to members about regular hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting. These measures are vigorously applied and monitored across all netball environments/contexts.
- if notified of a suspected case, the club safety coordinator direct the participant to leave a competition venue immediately. Stay with the person (exercising social distancing) until the emergency contact has arrived. If the person cannot leave immediately, the person should go to the MWNA COVID-19 marquee, adjacent to the building.
- after notification of a confirmed case, make requests of the participant for either a fit to return to netball activity medical certificate or a copy of a negative test results for covid-19 before returning to netball activities.
- welcome netball participants returning after a confirmed case of COVID-19 by putting into play recommendations/adjustments made by a medical practitioner to ensure the participant's safe return to netball i.e. competition or training adjustments.

Summary of Club/Association Operations to Minimise Risk

Consideration	Suggested protocol	Who informs personnel and how monitored
<p>Appoint a club/association COVID -19 Safety Coordinator</p> <p>Club COVID 19 Safety Officer (Volunteer)</p> <p>MWNA COVID – 19 Safety Officer (contract) – supported by government grants</p>	<p>Roles and Responsibilities are known to all members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be familiar with all of COVID-19 Protocols, provided by Netball NSW. • Club safety coordinator liaise with the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Coordinator, to periodically review the effectiveness of the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Plan and provide feedback, amend, update or improve as necessary. • Advise the Club committee and its members of your club/MWNA COVID-19 Safety Plan arrangements and seek assistance where required from club members. • Club COVID 19 Safety Officer ensures that all club members are aware of MWNA's COVID-19 safety plan. • Act as the contact point for your club's members and participants – particularly around questions relating to return to sport and the actions MWNA and/or club has taken to be COVID Safe – and other relevant stakeholders (including government, public health and other authorities, other clubs, associations, State and National Sporting Organisations). 	
<p>Club/MWNA COVID 19 Safety Coordinators</p>	<p>Support and liaise with the club covid-19 safety ground marshalls, if applicable.</p> <p>Determine how members identify the safety coordinator eg high vis vests/clothing/uniform</p> <p>Avoid sharing of high vis vests/clothing/uniform. Take home the vest/clothing uniform and wash independently</p> <p>Avoid sharing of pen, clipboards, phones and other personal equipment.</p> <p>Clubs provide, hand sanitiser, tissues, cleaners and disinfectants.</p> <p>Essential hygiene protocols should be reinforced constantly through various forms of communication to minimise risk.</p>	
<p>Management of a participant who presents with cold and flu like systems at a</p>	<p>Association/clubs to set expectations that participants should stay at home should they have cold/flu symptoms.</p>	

netball facility	<p>Team personnel/volunteer /club safety coordinator to ensure all bags and drinks are separated before the competition game begins.</p> <p>Team personnel discourage shared transport.</p> <p>Team personnel carry contact nos. list in their kit bag. Send a participant home if they present with cold and flu like symptoms. Contact parent/carers if under 18. Do not leave the person unattended. If serious symptoms contact 000</p> <p>Contact the club safety coordinator</p> <p>The safety coordinator/ volunteer isolates the participant (no contact) and supports the participant who is presenting with cold/flu like symptoms. The volunteer/ safety coordinator should carry tissues, cleaners, disinfectant, hand sanitiser and gloves.</p> <p>The safety coordinator/volunteer to supervise strict social distancing in supporting the participant ie 'no contact. Stay with the participant (exercising social distancing) until the emergency contact has arrived.</p> <p>Club official must contact club secretary and club safety coordinator of the incident and report management details.</p> <p>MWNA/club COVID 19 Safety Coordinator implement waste management protocols</p>	
Notification	<p>If a participant is contacted by NSW health to advise of potential contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case please ensure the participant follows the public health guidance and seeks medical advice.</p> <p>Club safety coordinator to support team personnel remaining up to date with safety protocols.</p> <p>Support team personnel ensuring the cleaning/ disinfecting the equipment/kit.</p> <p>Educate members that should they come into contact with a potential case or confirmed case, please seek advice from NSW Health.</p> <p>For help/advice, see https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pages/emergency.aspx</p> <p>Non compliance with return to sport protocols will in the first instance be dealt with by the clubs involved.</p> <p>If necessary, non compliance may be managed by MWNA disciplinary committee</p>	
Notification	Club Secretary/Safety Coordinator must notify MWNA	

	<p>Secretary</p> <p>MWNA Secretary to support/liaise with club secretary</p> <p>MWNA Safety Coordinator support/liaise with club safety coordinator</p> <p>MWNA Secretary to liaise with Northern Beaches Council</p> <p>MWNA consider advice about cancelling a netball activity. Refer to page 16 Detailed Checklist for Medium to Large Sporting Organisations 'Respond' and 'Recover'</p> <p>MWNA implement an Emergency Safety Plan after seeking advice</p>	
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Support documents:

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/sites/nsw/files/2020-06/10.Club%20COVID-19%20Safety%20Coordinator.pdf> Club Safety Coordinator

<https://www.sportaus.gov.au/return-to-sport> Checklist for small sporting organisations

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pages/emergency.aspx> NSW Health contact

<https://covid-19training.gov.au/login> Training