

**GOLD COAST  
VOLLEYBALL  
INC.**

**COVID-19 RETURN  
TO PLAY POLICY**



# OVERVIEW

The Gold Coast Volleyball Club Inc. is committed to providing a safe environment for all members , guests, coaching staff, volunteers and administrators.

Within this policy we will highlight

- The responsibilities of Gold Coast Volleyball Club Inc. in providing a COVID-19 Safe environment
- The roles and responsibilities of our members and guests

Gold Coast Volleyball Club Inc will be following the Indoor Sports Group Industry COVID Safe Plan as approved from the State and Federal Governments

Gold Coast Volleyball Club Inc. will constantly review government recommendations and act accordingly

# OVERVIEW OF THE COVID-19 SAFE COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK IN QUEENSLAND

- Given COVID-19 effectively stopped sport delivery in Queensland, the return to sport being a part of our daily lives needs to be managed in a safe manner that is consistent with the requirements imposed on other sections of the community. That return is planned and implemented under the Queensland Government's 'Roadmap to easing Queensland's (COVID-19) restrictions' which breaks down the activities of the community into industries over a series of stages.
- Queensland has moved to Stage 3 of the Roadmap effective Friday 3 July 2020 and so this document aims to align with the applicable Queensland Government stipulations at that date. The situation remains fluid at all times and so obligations as outlined in this edition will be subject to variation.

- In accord with the government's industry approach, volleyball is part of the sports industry which fortunately has an industry representative group (QSport) of which Volleyball Queensland is a member and so the interaction with the Queensland Government for sport in the COVID response is led by QSport.
- Regardless of membership of industry groups, the approved industry COVID safe plans can be used by any deliverer of the activity by simply opting to do so. The obligations and exemptions related to the restrictions imposed on the community in response to COVID-19 is through a declared Public Health Emergency under which the Chief Health Officer for Queensland can make directions which are to be followed by individuals and organisations undertaking 'business' in the state. The directions of the Chief Health Officer apply compulsorily and are enforceable at law

- The direction under which sport delivery is most closely controlled is the 'Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction' this direction requires industries to have an Approved COVID Safe Plan, as a result the position for volleyball is; □ Volleyball training and playing (that is indoor, outdoor, rebound or beach volleyball) will be under the approved Industry COVID Safe Plan (indoor sport group). □ Deliverers must attest to operating in accord with the Industry COVID Safe Plan by signing and displaying the Statement of Compliance for the activity.
- Additional COVID Safe Plans or Factsheets may need to be considered or apply in the delivery of volleyball;
- When organising a Volleyball event under the Industry COVID Safe Plan (indoor sport group) deliverers should also review and consider the Key Public Health Principles and Event Specific Public Health Strategies set out in the Industry Framework for Events.
- If using a site which has a Site Specific COVID Safe Plan the deliverer will need to work within the limitations or requirements of that site's plan.
- It is important to note that other Industry COVID Safe Plans such as those applicable to catering will also apply if those activities are undertaken in conjunction with sport delivery.

# QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT'S - RETURN TO PLAY

- The Queensland Government through the Department Housing and Public Works (Sport and Recreation) has produced a key information piece the Return to Play Guide for Queensland sport, recreation and fitness industries, the purpose of the publication is to see how sport, recreation and fitness can resume under Queensland COVID-19 restrictions and is to be read in conjunction with the relevant approved Industry COVID Safe plan.
- To assist players, organisers, coaches and officials Gold Coast Volleyball Club Inc. has produced this Return to Play COVID-19 Safe Guide to facilitate the delivery of the sport. This guide is subject to change as the circumstances the community faces in its response to the pandemic evolve.

# PRINCIPALS FOR STAGE 3

- Facility capacity - the total number of people to attend an activity, training and competition at indoor venues is to be based on occupant density of one person per two square metres for venues of 200 square metres or less (up to a total of 50 people) and one person per four square metres for venues of 200 square metres or more. Risks will be managed through mandatory record keeping, through group segmentation and buffer zones as appropriate. Individual organisations and facility managers will be responsible for implementing these requirements in line with the relevant approved Industry COVID Safe Plan.
- Facility usage - all elements of community sport, recreation and fitness facilities are accessible in line with relevant health guidelines and directives. This means facilities such as canteens, change rooms, bathrooms, storage rooms, bars will reopen and operating hours can also be amended. Industry Plans will detail how organisations will manage the use of ancillary facilities in relation to cleaning/sanitisation and flow of people within venues. All facility components will be operated in accordance with the relevant approved Industry COVID Safe Plan.

- Compliance with industry and stadia COVID Safe Plans – all activity is to be conducted in accordance with relevant Industry and Stadia COVID Safe Plans and Public Health Directives. This includes organisations detailing how all persons at the activity/facility will be tracked, and traced, including spectators.
- For Volleyball The Following will apply

Stage 2: from 1 June 2020 This stage is focussed on a restricted basis for training;

- Non-contact, indoor and outdoor activity.
- Volleyball training can have a maximum of 17 people per 18m x 9m court (previously it was 20 per venue), provided courts are separated by a dividing net or there is 8m between courts that is sideline to sideline or endline to endline.
- 1.5 metres between people, 4 square metres per person when indoors.



- Stage 3: from 3 July 2020 This stage is focussed on returning to play;
- Standard sport activity, contact and non-contact, indoor and outdoor activity.
- Volleyball training can have 17 people per court (as per Stage 2).
- Volleyball matches can have a maximum of 31 people (24 players, 4 coaches, 3 officials) per 18m x 9m court with 3m free-zones (31 participants if maximum players (24), coaches (4) & officials (3) are involved). The court and free zones is known as the Field of Play.
- Off the Field of Play spacing is; o no more than one person per 2 square metres (up to a total of 50 people) for venues or spaces of 200 square metres or less; or o no more than one person per 4 square metres for venues or spaces of 200 square metres or more.

# KEY PRINCIPALS FOR COVID SAFE VOLLEYBALL STAGE 3

- Volleyball matches can have a max. of 31 people (24 players, 4 coaches, 3 officials) per 18m x 9m court with 3m free-zones (31 participants if maximum players (24), coaches (4) & officials (3) are involved). The court and free zones is known as the Field of Play and equates to 11.6 sqm pp.
- Both training and match person numbers are contingent on:
  - a) Court is 18m x 9m with a 3m free zone all around.
  - b) There is either a divider net or 8m gap between courts.
  - c) Each court should have separate entry and exit points. For playing, should venue dimensions not allow for 11.6 sqm pp, the participant numbers to be reduced to facilitate compliance e.g. a rebound sand or squash court configuration will need player numbers to facilitate meeting the requirement.
  - d) Off the Field of Play spacing is; o no more than one person per 2 square metres (up to a total of 50 people) for venues or spaces of 200 square metres or less; or o no more than one person per 4 square metres for venues or spaces of 200 square metres or more.

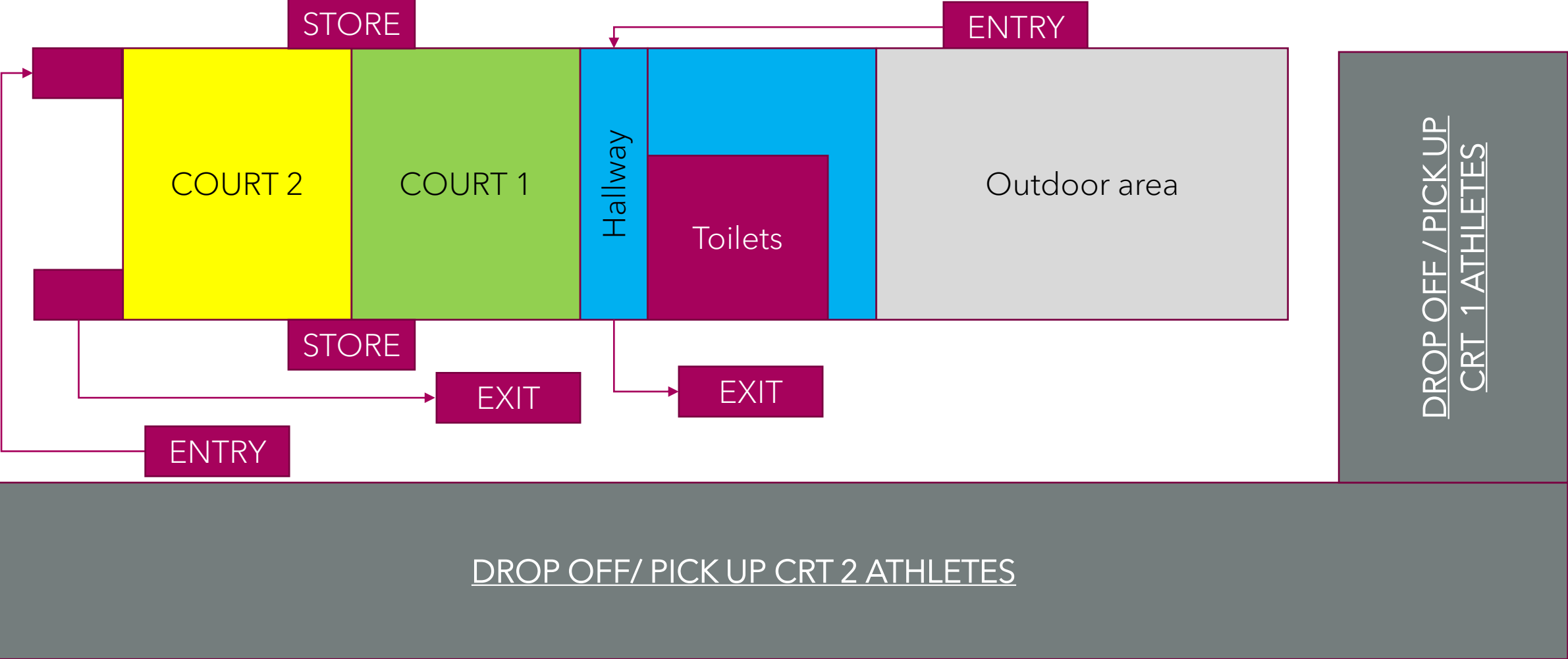
# ORGANISATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- In accordance with the restrictions GCVC will implement the following for all of its 2020 programs (subject to change based on State and Federal recommendations ) (all information correct at time of publish)
- Trainings maximum athlete attendance of 15, 2 Coaches + 1 BSO to remain outside of playing area ( where BSO can not be sourced, one of the coaches will take on BSO responsibilities but will remain in training venue one session starts)
- BSO to Screen athletes with thermometer at check in point and ensure sign in (register to be kept for 28 days)
- BSO to sanitize court and training area prior to start and concluding
- Entry and Exit to Building in separate locations
- Athletes to be separated by courts with separate entry/exit points avoiding crossover of athletes
- Coaches and Volunteers to undertake COVID Training
- Coaches and athletes to refrain from crossing courts to avoid potential cross contamination
- NON Playing / Training Personnel to be restricted from accessing the Training Hall
- Training to be Limited to 1 Hr timeslot with sanitising occurring between change overs
- Training to be limited to 15 participants for duration of term
- Provide hand sanitizer

# ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Athletes who have felt Unwell in past 14 days NOT Permitted to attend training
- Athletes returning from International travel within 14 days NOT permitted to attend
- Athletes returning from a COVID Hot spot within 14 days NOT permitted to attend
- Athletes to sign in at check in point, and use hand sanitizer provided
- Athletes to arrive 15min prior to the scheduled start time
- Athletes must be ready to play/train this means all playing / training gear MUST be on prior to entering stadium , where possible athletes are encouraged to bring minimal items in with them , please limit to a drink bottle and towel
- (No Toilet facilities or change rooms will be available )
- Junior Athletes to be picked up / dropped off in appropriate zone
- NO High fives, hand shaking
- Download COVID SAFE App
- Maintain social distancing
- Athlete MUST inform Gold Coast Volleyball Club of any Positive COVID exposure
- ONLY 1 Parent to drop off / pick up , Parent prohibited from entering venue

# KINGS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



# ST STEPHENS COLLEGE

- VENUE LAYOUT TBC
- FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING

# **IN THE EVENT OF A POSITIVE CASE BEING IDENTIFIED**

In the event of a positive case being identified the following will occur

- Gold Coast Volleyball Club Inc, to notify chief health officer
- Gold coast volleyball club to notify all personnel with potential exposure
- Effected training group to cease for minimum of 2 weeks

# HEALTH WARNING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

## INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

Developed a fever or cough?



ISOLATE YOURSELF



CALL YOUR DOCTOR



LIST TRAVEL HISTORY



COVER YOUR COUGH



WASH HANDS OFTEN

# [ STOP THE SPREAD ]



Australian Government  
Department of Health

[www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

# SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD.

Cough or sneeze into your arm



Use a tissue



Bin the tissue



Wash your hands



HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au)



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# Hand washing tips



## Statement of Compliance

This site is operating in compliance  
with the following Public Health Direction:

Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and  
Undertakings Direction (No. 3)

A copy of the COVID Safe Industry Plan may be found at  
[www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/covid-safe-businesses](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/covid-safe-businesses)

- This is a COVID Safe site.
- Contact details are required for tracing purposes upon entry.\*
- Practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Follow the rules and keep us all safe.

Signed by:

  
(Authorised business representative)

Date: 11-07-2020

\* This does not apply to deliveries, patrons purchasing items over the counter or takeaway.