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## Netball ACT

Return to Play in a COVID-Safe  
Environment Plan

*Netball ACT pays respect to the traditional custodians of our ancient continent, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, we honour their continuing connection to country and their custodianship of the world's oldest living culture.*

## **1. PURPOSE**

Netball ACT has drafted this document in line with the ACT Governments framework for community sport in the ACT, to assist District Associations and clubs in the development of their Return to Play in a COVID-Safe Environment Plans, as required within that framework.

## **2. SCOPE**

It is a requirement of the ACT Government that a "Return to Play in a COVID – Safe Environment Plan" be prepared by each individual sporting organisation including peak bodies, associations and individual clubs. Netball ACT has developed this plan to be utilised by the ACT Netball community to ensure compliance across our sport with government requirements. Associations are to submit their completed Return to Play in a COVID – Safe Environment Plans directly to Netball ACT and Clubs, directly to their District Association for acceptance and sign off, prior to re-commencement of netball activities within the ACT Government guidelines.

To assist in the preparation of individual plans, we strongly recommend reference to the ACT Governments "Framework for community sport in the ACT" document:  
[https://www.sport.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/1662966/PICC0149-Return-To-Sport-Framework.pdf](https://www.sport.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1662966/PICC0149-Return-To-Sport-Framework.pdf)

Further information can also be found on the "Return to Netball" page on the Netball ACT website at: <https://act.netball.com.au/return-netball>

## **3. ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS**

**Name of affiliated District Association:** 2021 HCF State League Competition

**Name of affiliated Club:**

**Venue(s) to which this plan relates:** SolarHub ACT Netball Centre

**Date completed:** 19 April 2021

Return to Play Framework	Return to Play Considerations	Association / Club Actions
<b>Hygiene</b>	<b>Pre &amp; post activity</b>	
	Provision of Hand sanitiser	Hand Sanitiser will be accessible upon entry and exit of the Centre and must be utilised by all persons entering the building
	No sharing of personal equipment	Social Distancing to be adhere to, all athletes, coaches and attendees to bring their own drink bottles, sweat towels (where required)
	Spitting & nasal secretions	All athletes, coaches and attendees to practice good hygiene. Use of tissues to be disposed of immediately into bins provided in the foyer of the Centre
	Limited sharing of equipment	N/A
	Use of communal facilities	Communal Facilities can be accessed, however good hygiene practices must be enforced and adhered to.
	Unwell participants	Coaches are to educate athletes and attendees that if feeling unwell they must stay at home and not to attend. Districts must have all players and officials registered through MyNetball before attending the SolarHub ACT Netball Centre.  If there is a positive COVID-19 case, they must advise Netball ACT immediately, and to in addition contact all those in attendance to advise that they have been in contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.
<b>Physical Distancing</b>	"Get in, train, get out"	N/A
	Separated small groups of 10	The SolarHub Netball Centre will permit groups of 500 on courts 1 & 2, and another 500 on courts 3 & 4. CBR Check in App must be

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		utilised by all attending the SolarHub ACT Netball Centre.
	Physical contact between participants	The current ACT government restrictions allows the commencement of competition. Contact between participants will be controlled by HCF State League Umpires, under the rules of netball by the INF.
	Adequate spacing (1 person x 4 square metres)	Due to the return of competitions, contact will be controlled by HCF State League Umpires under the Rules of Netball by the INF. Netball ACT will have a COVID Marshall at each session to ensure the protocols are adhered to.
	Spectators / parents / carers	All people who attend HCF State League at the SolarHub ACT Netball Centre must sign in on the CBR Check In App upon arrival.
	Venue entry / exit procedures	Social Distancing to be maintained through Entry / Exit doors and monitored by coaches. Netball ACT COVID Marshall will monitor
	Training formats (i.e. - small groups)	N/A
<b>Activity / Sport Specific</b>	Protocols - capture & recording of participant details including use of Australian Government COVIDSAFE app	All districts are to have registered all players within MyNetball prior the commencement of State League and must be on the score sheet. If any district fails to do so, their athlete will not be eligible to play.
	Defined training spaces ensuring adherence to hygiene and physical distancing principles	N/A

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	Instructions to participants on training practices	N/A N/A
	Equipment cleaning protocols	Two balls will be provided to each court and cleaned after each match.
	Avoid physical contact (Training / Social)	ACT Government has advised that competitions can return.
	Any other venue specific protocols	N/A
<b>Communication</b>	Communication to participants around training formats & expectations	N/A
	Communication to participants around the need for Contact Tracing register	Netball ACT to educate districts about the requirement for compliance and COVID-19 tracing register, to ensure their safety
	Clear guidance for staff, coaches & volunteers on activity requirements	Clear guidance will be conducted via email, website and onsite signage, to educate all officials/ volunteers on activity requirements
	Venue signage	Posters displaying COVID Safe practices and protocols throughout the centre at all high usage points in the Centre
	Inform parents and spectators on their responsibilities	Netball ACT will provide guidelines to districts regarding protocols for the State League Competition.
	Making Return to Sport in COVID-safe Environment Plan accessible	This plan is distributed alongside the guidelines to assist in education of the plan
<b>Incident Management</b>	Protocols for quarantine /self-isolation in the event of a positive result within your organisation	Districts must ensure that all players on the scoresheet are current to maintain a record of all attendees on a state league night.  Notify Netball ACT of a possible exposure immediately, with the requirement for privacy to be strictly maintained.

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		<p>Ensure all attendees follow ACT Government advice relating to close contacts and if required enter 14 days quarantine.          Seek further information and guidance from Netball ACT, should it be required.</p>
<p><b>Review and Monitor</b></p>	<p>Process for review and monitoring</p>	<p>Netball ACT to conduct routine review and monitoring to occur via email communications with Districts on a regular basis</p>

**4. DECLARATION**

This plan has been reviewed and endorsed by:

Name: Kirsty McDonald

Association / Club Position held: Netball ACT Customer Engagement Co-ordinator

Signature:



Date: 19 April 2021

**5. SIGN OFF**

This plan has been reviewed by ACT Netball Association and approved by:

Name: Matthew Battams

Netball ACT / District Association Position held: CEO

Signature:



Date: 19 April 2021

