

Warrandyte Basketball Association COVIDSafe Plan



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1. Introduction

Sport makes an important contribution to the physical, psychological, and emotional well-being of Australians. The COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating effects on communities globally, leading to significant restrictions on all sectors of society, including sport. Resumption of sport can significantly contribute to the re-establishment of normality in Australian society.

Basketball Victoria has developed detailed guidelines to demonstrate to government that our sport can be played in a safe and controlled environment.

The health and safety of our staff, players, referees, parents, and spectators is paramount, therefore the Warrandyte Basketball Association (WBA) continues to closely monitor the situation with respect to COVID-19. It is important that any information we receive comes from a reputable source which is why we are regularly reviewing the guidelines prepared by the Federal and State Governments, along with the governing bodies, Basketball Australia and Basketball Victoria.

The WBA acknowledges that infections may occur because of the resumption of training or competitions, despite all the measures and protocols put in place. It is up to each player and their family to make an informed choice based on their personal circumstances whether to resume basketball activities.

2. Purpose

Since COVID-19 will be with us for some time, it is important WBA has a COVIDSafe plan (herein referred to as 'the plan'). We must do all we can to protect our players, staff, volunteers, families and spectators from contracting COVID-19 by mitigating any potential risks associated with the resumption of basketball activities.

The plan is based on information provided by all Australian Governments who have agreed to a set of [National COVID-19 Safe Work Principles](#) and is, aligned to the guidelines outlined by Basketball Victoria. This plan will assist the WBA prepare for the different stages of the pandemic, particularly as restrictions and conditions change.

Basketball Victoria has developed five recreation levels specific to the return of individual activities. This document will look to develop protocols relevant to the third stage of resumption – **ORANGE 20 – 'Activities or gathering of a maximum of 20 people per court'**

3.Aim

- Eliminate or minimise the risk of exposure to COVID-19 as reasonably practicable for our staff, players, volunteers and officials at WBA venues.

4.Key Elements of the Plan

- Health Monitoring
- Cleaning
- Physical Distancing
- Hygiene
- Education / Training
- Responding to a COVID-19 Infection

5.Health Monitoring

Staff:

WBA Staff will be required to report to their Manager or a member of the WBA Committee as soon as possible:

- If they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19;
- If they have been, or have potentially been exposed to a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is suspected to have COVID-19 (even if the person who is suspected to have COVID-19 has not yet been tested); or
- If they have undertaken overseas travel.

Furthermore, staff will be required to leave the workplace if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 and consult a medical practitioner.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever;
- Coughing;
- A sore throat;
- Fatigue; and
- Shortness of breath.

Bio Safety Officer:

The WBA will appoint multiple Bio Safety Officers (BSO) to monitor and manage our venue's compliance in line with Basketball Victoria's Return to Sport Guidelines.

The BSO will have the responsibility for championing the implementation of the protocols. BSOs will be onsite at WBA venues during both training sessions and competition games.

Arrival protocols:

The following practices for all persons entering WBA venues will apply, in line with government advice:

- Where possible, WBA will place markers on the ground outside the nominated entry point as guidance to the 1.5m physical distancing requirements;
- The BSO will control the number of people inside the venue at any time and will ensure that the **Orange 20** limit is not exceeded;
- WBA will place signage at the designated entry point outlining the health risks associated with COVID-19 and rules of entry into the venue;
- Upon arrival, permitted persons will be screened, which shall include a **temperature check** via a contactless forehead thermometer. If the thermometer indicates a temperature below 37.5 degrees, entry will be permitted;
- If the thermometer indicates a temperature of 37.5 degrees or above, a second check will be conducted five minutes later. **It is important therefore that all persons under the age of 18 are walked to the entry point with a parent or guardian who will remain until the screening is completed, and permission to enter is either granted or denied;**
- People permitted to enter the venue will do so via the designated entry point;
- Government guidelines dictate that all venues must keep an accurate list of persons entering the venue, therefore all permitted persons must provide first name, last name and a contact number to the BSO at the entry point;
- Directional signage around the venue and on the ground will be in place to ensure all permitted persons move through the venue correctly in order to minimise cross over and avoid people gathering in certain areas;
- A separate exit point will also be established to reduce the risk of transmission.

6. Cleaning

It is important to minimise the risks of COVID-19 at all WBA venues. As per the [national principles agreed by Australian Governments](#), businesses and staff must actively control against the spread of COVID-19 while at work, consistent with the latest health advice.

Keeping our venues clean is likely to be one of the most important elements of managing COVID-19.

As a result, WBA venues will be professionally cleaned at the conclusion of each day.

In addition to the daily venue clean by a third-party cleaning contractor, the BSO, whilst at the facility will ensure frequently touched areas and surfaces are cleaned before each training session and or game. These include:

- Door handles;
- Sink taps;
- Handrails;
- Team benches;
- Scoring table and associated laptops or tablets;
- Game balls;
- Frequently used training equipment such as witches' hats/poles etc;
- Players and coaches will be provided with antibacterial wipes to ensure they sanitize their basketballs as soon as they enter the venue;
- The BSO and other officials will be provided with cleaning products such as anti-bacterial wipes, disinfectant, gloves, face masks, warm water, and disposable cloths to ensure the cleaning is conducted at the required standard;
- A minimum of 20 minutes between each group will be allocated to allow the BSO and or nominated person to conduct a thorough clean of the venue before allowing the next group into the venue.

7. Physically Distancing

Current government advice is that everyone must keep at least 1.5 metres from others (outside of their family unit) where possible.

Under the Basketball Victoria Guidelines and specific to **ORANGE 20** the following stipulations apply:

Indoor Training Activity	Orange 20
Group training	Max 16 players
Basketballs in stadium	Players to bring their own ball and sanitised at venue prior to use

Training length	40 mins
Break between sessions	20 mins
Sessions (suggested)	1 per week
Participant arrival time	10 min prior
Shaking of hands/high fives	Banned
Spectators	Banned

General Competition Game	Orange 20
Group training	Max 7 players per game
Basketballs in stadium	Max 2 per game
Break between sessions	20 mins
Coaches/TM	Max 1 per team
Participant arrival time	10 min prior
Participant departure time	10 min post
Referees	2 per game
Scorers	1 per team
Shaking of hands/high fives	Banned
Spectators	Banned

WBA has implemented the following protocols to ensure where possible, physical distancing can occur:

- Where possible, physical distancing markers at venue entry point;
- Physical distancing markers placed at the score table and player benches;
- Provide the referees a space separate to the players on the opposite side of the court;
- Signage displayed outside the administration office stipulating the permitted person capacity inside the office (ensuring adherence to the 1.5m rule and not having more than 1 person per 4m² in any undivided space);
- Separate entry and exit points will be created to minimise the risk of transmission;
- Physical distancing and non-essential contact posters will be placed around the venues to encourage compliance.

8. Hygiene

Staff and BSOs will be responsible for maintaining strict hygiene measures at our venues. A major focus will be on hand washing and hand sanitising of all persons entering the venue and disinfecting all basketballs and equipment inside the venue.

WBA has implemented the following protocols to ensure where possible, all permitted persons inside the venue adhere to strict hygiene processes:

- Hand sanitizer placed at the designated entry and exit points;
- Hand sanitizer placed on the score table and on each team bench;
- Referees provided with gloves if requested;
- additional Eftpos machine for cashless transactions;
- The canteen will remain closed for the foreseeable future and **NO food is permitted to be eaten inside the venue**;
- Change-rooms and other non-essential spaces will be closed to ensure adherence to the Orange 20 requirements;
- Players must bring their own basketball (only relevant for training sessions), water bottles and towels and no sharing of these items is permitted;
- Players are encouraged to shower at home before and after each training session and or game. Showering significantly reduces the chance of transmission and subsequent infection (preferably antimicrobial soap to remove any germs that may be on the skin);
- Any person feeling unwell must stay at home;
- Signage displaced to encourage adherence to strict hygiene measures (wash hands and respiratory etiquette).

9. Education and Training

All staff and BSOs, will complete the Australian Government Department of Health COVID-19 Infection Control Training. WBA Committee, coaches and team managers will be encouraged to complete this training.

Formal communication will also be disseminated to all families and coaches detailing the expectations of the WBA and what protocols are in place to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

It is recommended that all staff and volunteers that regularly assist at our venues have the Australian Government COVIDSafe APP installed and in use, with Bluetooth engaged, to support the National Cabinet's COVID-19 response and acknowledging the need to take all necessary steps to protect the health and safety of all industry personnel.

10. Responding to a COVID-19 infection:

The health and safety of our players underpins our ability to resume indoor training and games.

The instructions outlined in [Section 5 Health Monitoring – Arrival Protocols](#) sets out the process we have implemented should someone present at our designated entry point unable to pass the medical screening. **It is important therefore, that a parent or guardian remain on site should the participant be denied entry into the venue and be required to return home.**

For other exposure scenarios, it is imperative that if any of our players, families, members, and officials test positive to the Coronavirus and become a 'confirmed case' the WBA is notified as soon as possible.

Privacy of the person/family shall be maintained at all times, (the medical information of an individual would not be disclosed, other than to the relevant health authority) however notification is crucial to ensure the WBA can take steps to assist the health authority with contact tracing and other requirements dictated by the federal and state governments and other governing bodies.

11. Conclusion

The federal and state governments, along with Basketball Victoria have outlined a staged framework for a COVIDSafe Australia that involves the easing of restrictions over time. All steps are subject to expert health advice and this may dictate the modification or complete removal of some restrictions over time.

It is envisaged however that maintaining social distance, good hygiene, staying home if unwell, frequently cleaning and disinfecting communal areas will become the new normal.

We ask that our membership supports and adheres to the protocols in this plan so that we can help flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19.

WBA reserves the right to modify any part of this plan based on government advice.

12. Appendix

Basketball Victoria - Return to Sport Guidelines

Training Matrix