



RETURN TO PLAY FRAMEWORK

SCHOOL PROGRAM PROTOCOLS – UPDATED 27th January, 2021

SCHOOL PROGRAMS WILL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES:

1. All AFL NSW/ACT staff members facilitating a school program must have undertaken the Australian Government [COVID-19 Infection Control Training](#) (certificate of completion can be provided on request).
2. AFL NSW/ACT must obtain permission / approval from the school principal to deliver an AFL program.
3. AFL NSW/ACT staff are not permitted to access school facilities such as classrooms and toilets without permission from school staff. All AFL NSW/ACT staff will refrain from using school facilities if possible.
4. A log, or register which clearly identifies all participants MUST be maintained by the school's designated contact for a period of at least 28 days following each activity and be available upon request to either AFL NSW/ACT or health authorities. This information will be used if contact tracing is required. No personal data will be stored by AFL NSW/ACT.
5. All school programs are to strictly adhere to the current state government restrictions including any specific NSW or ACT school sport guidelines. Programs and competitions must follow the 'Get in, Play, Get out' principles.
6. Ensure any spectators (if permitted) comply with social distancing requirement of 1.5m at all times.
7. Ensure all participants and spectators adhere to conditions of entry for each school.
8. AFL NSW/ACT staff will complete and provide a copy of the [External Visitors to School Site form](#) upon entering a school.
9. Look for the COVID Safe QR code posters when entering school grounds and sign in immediately.
10. The School Program and Competition Protocols and recommended hygiene practices outlined in this document are to be strictly adhered to with no exceptions.

GENERAL HYGIENE PRACTICES

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds - if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and avoid shaking hands with others.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home and seek medical treatment when you are sick.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Try to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from others as much as possible.
- Any person that has underlying health conditions or is considered a vulnerable person should consult with a healthcare professional prior to returning to school and competition activities.



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SCHOOL PROGRAM CHECKLIST – UPDATED 27th January, 2021

This checklist supports schools run AFL Programs and Competitions under state government COVID-19 restrictions. AFL NSW/ACT staff members have an obligation to strictly adhere to the AFL NSW/ACT protocols at every program.

The key principle for any AFL NSW/ACT run program must be 'Get in, Play, Get out'. The School Program and Competition Checklist is to be completed by the AFL NSW/ACT Development Officer delivering the program prior to the first session at a school.

SCHOOL APPROVAL RECEIVED

AFL NSW/ACT has obtained permission/approval from the School Principal to deliver AFL Programs

AFL NSW/ACT STAFF MEMBER – SIGN IN

AFL NSW/ACT staff member/s MUST sign into the school reception upon arriving at the school and must sign out when leaving the school premises as well as provide a copy of the External Visitors to School Site form.

A REGISTER OF PARTICIPANTS, OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS/PARENT HELPERS

A register of all participants in attendance at each session MUST be maintained by the school for in-school programs and AFL NSW/ACT for outside school hour programs and available upon request by either AFL NSW/ACT or health authorities.

1.5M SOCIAL DISTANCING

AFL NSW/ACT staff member/s will strictly observe social distancing requirements of 1.5m with students, teachers and parents. Spectators must also observe 1.5m social distancing

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

All AFL NSW/ACT staff members delivering the school program MUST have completed the online [COVID-19 infection control training module](#).

FOOTBALLS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ALLOWED

AFL NSW/ACT staff member/s will ensure they wipe down all equipment pre-and-post-sessions with sanitiser provided to them by AFL NSW/ACT.

AFL NSW/ACT STAFF MEMBER & SCHOOL UNDERSTAND THE SCHOOL PROGRAM PROTOCOLS

The AFL NSW/ACT staff member and schools must have read, understand and agreed to adhere to the School Program Protocols.

HYGIENE PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE

AFL NSW/ACT staff member/s and schools have implemented the hygiene protocols outlined in the School Program Protocols.

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

AFL NSW/ACT staff and schools understand that they must follow the direction and advice of local and state authorities at all times.



AFL NSW/ACT SCHOOL COMPETITIONS WILL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES:

1. All AFL NSW/ACT staff members must have undertaken the free Australian Government [online COVID-19 Infection Control Training](#) prior to facilitating the competition.
2. The competing school must obtain permission / approval from the school principal to participate in AFL school competitions.
3. Each school must have a designated contact to log all participants maintaining for a period of at least 28 days following each activity. This log must be made available upon request to either AFL NSW/ACT or health authorities. This information will be used if contact tracing is required. No personal data will be stored by AFL NSW/ACT.
4. All School Competitions are to strictly adhere to the current state government restrictions including any specific NSW or ACT school sport guidelines, and follow the 'Get in, Play, Get out' principles. This will be modified for the school competition day where participants must remain in their allocated zone whilst not playing.
5. Ensure any spectators (if permitted) comply with social distancing requirement of 1.5m at all times.
6. Ensure all participants and spectators adhere to conditions of entry for each venue.
7. The School Competition protocols and recommended hygiene practices outlined in this document are to be strictly adhered to with no exceptions.

ADDITIONAL STEPS TO PROMOTE A COVID SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND MINIMISE SPECTATORS

- Minimise co-mingling of participants and spectators from different schools or matches where possible.
- Minimise use of change rooms and strongly encourage participants to change at home where possible.
- Reduce crowding wherever possible and promote physical distancing with markers on the ground where applicable.
- Staff to regularly remind all participants in attendance of COVID safety requirements through ground PA system.
- Implement strategies to reduce potential gatherings immediately outside the facility such as drop off / pick up zones in carparks.
- Minimise participants playing across multiple teams on one day where possible
- Reduce equipment sharing where practical and ensure any equipment used, including footballs, are cleaned with detergent and disinfectant after each use.
- Maintain an attendance register for all participants and spectators.



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HYGIENE PROTOCOLS FOR SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

- Alcohol based hand sanitisers will be available at the venue entry and throughout the facility, with participants encouraged to use prior, during and following activity.
- Work closely with local government ensuring bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels.
- Provide visual aids above hand wash basins to support effective hand washing.
- Sharing personal items such as water bottles, food or towels is prohibited. Personal items need to be easily distinguishable, labelled and kept separate.
- Maintain high levels of hygiene when using a mouthguard (i.e. limit touching / removing mouthguards during training, clean / sanitise regularly).
- Players and coaches should avoid spitting or clearing nasal passages.
- Avoid high fives and handshakes.
- Ensure processes are in place to launder shared uniform items such as guernseys or bibs after use.
- Change rooms can be used by students and staff However, the number of people cannot exceed one person per four square metres (including participants, officials, volunteers and spectators).
- Footballs and equipment will be wiped with antibacterial wipes or alcohol-based sanitiser prior to and after each match.
- All hard surface areas cleaned frequently, including communal facilities, several times per day with detergent and disinfectant.
- If you or people you have been in contact with are sick, please DO NOT attend and advise your school.

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SCHOOL APPROVAL RECEIVED

Participating schools have obtained permission/approval from the School Principal to participating.

SCHOOL – SIGN IN

All participating schools MUST sign upon arriving at the venue and must sign out when leaving the venue.

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HYGIENE PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE

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