



COVID-19 COMPLIANCE – ACT

On 29 October 2021, the ACT Government eased some of its COVID-19 restrictions.

Below are guidelines and FAQs to assist community football clubs manage a return to training and play under the latest [Public Health Directions](#) and [ACT COVID-19 Summary of Restrictions](#).

These are scheduled to be updated on 26 November, when the ACT's restrictions will be eased further.

OVERVIEW OF RETURN TO OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SPORT ACTIVITIES

Vaccination Requirement	There are no vaccination requirements for returning to community sport in the ACT. Clubs training in NSW must adhere to the NSW guidelines, where everyone involved in the training 16 years and over must be fully vaccinated. Details are available at www.aflnswact.com.au/covid19 .
Maximum Capacity	The Public Health (Restricted Activities) Emergency Direction 2021 (No 5) states the maximum capacity for an organised sporting activity is 1 person per 2 square metres for each usable outdoor space up to 500 people . This excludes staff and volunteers.
COVID-19 Safety Plan	The ACT Public Health Direction requires all venues, facilities and businesses to develop and follow a COVID Safety Plan. COVID Safety Plans are important to ensure your club members and visitors, as well as the broader community, are kept safe. The ACT Government does not require organisations to complete a COVID Safety Plan template. There are more details about creating a COVID Safety Plan here , including a useful checklist to make things easier for small businesses and community organisations such as football clubs.
Contact Tracing	All ACT businesses, venues and facilities are required to register and use the Check In CBR app. Once this is complete, you will receive your unique QR code to display around the club for everyone 16 years and older to use. There are more details about how you can register your club to use the Check In CBR app here .

INDOOR ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

A club's key requirements for 'indoor activities' may vary depending on the nature of the activity being undertaken. In a community football setting, indoor activities may include: committee meetings, presentation events, social gatherings, canteen services, use of change rooms, use of a gym, registration days etc. Please review the Public Health Directions or ACT Government sources for advice unclear in this document.

Vaccination Requirement	Same as requirements under 'outdoor activities'.
Maximum Capacity	In most cases, indoor events or activities in the ACT are permitted for no more than 1 person per 4 square metres, up to 500 people (excluding staff and volunteers) There are no density limits if 25 or fewer people are exercising indoors. When more than 25 people are participating in an indoor activity there must be no more than 1 person per 4 square metres involved (excluding staff and volunteers).
COVID-19 Safety Plan	Your club's indoor activities should be captured by your COVID Safety Plan.
Contact Tracing	Same as requirements as detailed in 'outdoor activities'
Masks	Masks must still be worn indoors for people 12 years and older when not participating in vigorous exercise or consuming food, drink or medicine. Other mask exemptions can be found here .

FAQs

Can we play and train outside?	Yes.
Do I need to be fully vaccinated to train/play in Canberra?	The ACT's Public Health Directions do not require people to be fully vaccinated to play or train for community sport.
Do I need to check in at footy training?	Yes. All players 16 years and older must use the Check In CBR app when arriving at training. Every club is required to be registered to use the Check In CBR app and provide QR code signage for players, volunteers and officials to use.
What is COVID Safety Plan?	A COVID Safety Plan should include your club's policies in relation to matters including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring physical distancing • Cleaning, sanitising and hygiene activities • Managing staff or patrons presenting with illness • Additional requirements for restricted businesses and organisations to ensure patrons aged 16 years or older check in using the Check In CBR app • Compliance and enforcement. All clubs in the ACT should have a COVID Safety Plan. Guidelines can be found here .
Up to 500 people can gather at a organised outdoor event. What is that?	Matches and training are classified as an "organised outdoor event". One person per two square metres for each usable outdoor space up to 500 people are permitted to attend these events.
Are the rules different in NSW?	Yes. Clubs based in or travelling to NSW must follow the NSW guidelines. AFL NSW/ACT's advice to clubs can be found at www.aflnswact.com.au/covid19 .
Do we have to wear a mask in the club rooms?	People 12 years and older must wear face masks indoors. Note: People engaging in physical exercise are exempt unless eating or drinking, or if they are doing any of the other exemptions found here .