

## POST COVID-19 TRANSITION – BOATSHED OPERATIONS #2

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For Rowing Clubs and School Rowing Programs,

There have been several updates over the past few days which rowing shed operators need to be aware of:

### 1. ROWING AUSTRALIA (RA)

This morning, RA significantly updated their [Fact Sheet on Coronavirus](#) with specific information related to AIS recommendations for related to the resumption of training. The point reiterated in this fact sheet is that WA rowing sheds need to overlay the specific restrictions and requirements of the WA Government, which I will explore further below. The RA update also covers:

- Cleaning
- Hygiene
- Social distancing (although the first point here is superseded by WA Government advice),
- Staying connected
- International travel; and
- Useful links.

### 2. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPORT AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES (DLGSC)

Yesterday DLGSC disseminated their first [Community Sport and Active Recreation COVID-19 Factsheet](#), which essentially summarises the WA Government Health advice related to sport and recreation providers. This Factsheet also had advice related to:

- What the cautious easing of restrictions announced by the WA Government on 26 April means for community sport
- A guide for general cleaning of common areas and items used by sport
  - Washing your hands
  - Washing Equipment
  - During Training
  - Toilets

RWA is seeking clarification around the statements related to toilets as the information is contradictory throughout the factsheet.

### **3. NATIONAL CABINET**

Last Friday 30 April, National Cabinet addressed a few matters significant to the sporting industry. They adopted the recommendations developed by Sport Australia and the Australia Institute of Sport in collaboration with National Sporting Organisations. These recommendations were:

- [Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment](#)
- [National Principles for the resumption of Sport and Recreation activities](#)

The adoption of these guidelines will pave the way for future easing of restrictions. They were in no way a resolution to adopt these changes now. The Prime Minister's press conference which outlined the adoption of these recommendations, made the strong point that it would be up to State Governments to determine when the easing of these restrictions would occur in their respective jurisdictions.

### **4. BOATSHED RE-OPENING PROCEDURES**

Last night, RWA held a Zoom meeting for clubs to share what measures they have put in place to meet the current WA Government restrictions.

Attached to this email is information from SRRC, ANA and MURC that they have graciously shared for the benefit of others. If other clubs are happy to share their processes and procedures please forward to [ceo@rowingwa.asn.au](mailto:ceo@rowingwa.asn.au) and I will circulate to all clubs.

### **5. ROWING IN CREW BOATS**

Earlier today Rowing WA received feedback from DLGSC with respect to whether rowing in crew boats would be allowed under the current WA Government restrictions. The response indicates that rowing in crew boats is currently still not allowed and is unlikely to be until contact sports are allowed. The detailed response is below:

*Your request on the ability to row boats that hold more than one person has been escalated through the Pandemic Unit and then onto the Chief Health Officer for confirmation. Outdoor sports such as rowing are a prohibited activity under Closure and Restriction Directions, unless they are non-contact, with no more than 10 persons participating and a distance of at least 1.5 metres between each person.*

*Health's position is rowing is a high exertion sport that creates a linear air flow, which could potentially mean that a person rowing may disperse droplets or aerosol for a distance much greater than the usual 1.5 metres (depending on the wind and speed of the boat). As such, it is viewed that a resumption of rowing (in crews boats) would fall under category C of the National Framework, and only be allowed when all such activities (including contact) are also allowed.*

## 6. COVIDSAFE APP

Rowing WA's communication circulated last Thursday 30 April included a suggestion that clubs could 'require members to download the COVIDsafe App'. This communication has been updated on our website to state 'clubs should encourage members to download the app'. Media over the past few days has highlighted that use of the App can not be mandated and those that do risk legal liability. If your boatshed has previously made this a requirement, you must update this requirement to 'encourage members to utilise the App'.

Stay safe.

Kind Regards,



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