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## 'COVID-Safe' principles – Table Tennis Victoria – 23 November 2020

Dear Affiliates & Individual Members,

As you are aware, the sports and recreation sector are now working towards a resumption of activity at community level. At federal level, the AIS Framework Re-Booting Sport acts as a generic guide to the States & Territories.

However, each State & Territory is able to adopt a tailored approach to its own circumstances. Accordingly, the Victorian State Government have issued further guidelines of their own which apply specifically to Victorian activity.

From 11.59pm on 22 November 2020, the Victorian Chief Health Officer has approved community sport and recreation activities can resume for all ages throughout Victoria, subject to certain Restricted Activity Directions (RAD).

Ultimately, each State Sports Association has developed its own 'COVID Safe' principles which best suit the specific nature of the sport. These are often very similar to the original 'Return to Play' plans which were developed earlier in the pandemic, but also factor in updated health requirements.

It is envisaged that each Affiliate will adopt the State-wide 'COVID Safe' plan, and tailor it where necessary to their venue for application to their own circumstances.

## How do they apply to Table Tennis in Victoria?

Table Tennis Victoria (TTV) has a duty as the custodian of the sport in Victoria to look after the safety of its members as its top priority. TTV adopts a 'No Risk' approach to developing its plans and supports the message of 'Get In, Play, Get Out'.

The following 'COVID Safe' principles for TTV are supported by Sport & Recreation Victoria and have been developed with reference to the Restricted Activity Directions, and we encourage them to be adopted by all Affiliates.

They cover the key areas of physical distancing, face mask usage, good hygiene practices, and record-keeping. Please read the following information very carefully.





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A patron cap of 150 per venue is in place, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm. In large venues with occupancy permits of 600+, this cap is increased to 25% of the limit referred to in the occupancy permit (e.g. permission for 2000 on occupancy permit = cap of 500).
Clubs/Associations are required to track attendance. They are encouraged to implement a booking system to limit numbers.
Social distancing of 1.5m to be maintained between all individuals when not playing – display signs explaining patron limits.
Masks to be worn at all times when not playing (coughs or sneezes should be directed into your elbow).
People should not attend any venue if they are experiencing even mild symptoms.
Doubles play is permitted.
Limit attendance at different venues (i.e. movement between different clubs) – this is encouraged, but not mandatory.
Use of changing areas and toilets subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm, and social distancing requirements.
Limit use of facility for pre or post event socializing – ‘Get In, Play, Get Out’ – this is encouraged, but not mandatory.
Food or beverage facilities subject to hospitality guidelines.
Use of hand sanitizer between games, provided upon entry, and throughout the venue.
Tables, balls, scorecards, etc to be sanitized regularly.
No touching tables with hands.
No use of shared equipment or food (e.g. bats, towels, clothing, drinks bottles, snacks).
No handshakes (suggest bow or elbow bumps instead).
Venues to be subject to heightened cleaning levels, including use of disinfectant daily on all surfaces and maintenance of a basic cleaning record.

TTV encourages Affiliates to identify creative (yet safe) ways to maximize the utilization of their facility, such as staggered timings, and/or modified game formats, if required.

**Affiliates utilizing large multi-use facilities are encouraged to liaise directly with the venue operator to discuss compliance with overall patron caps.**

Contact TTV if you require any advice on compliance with the TTV COVID Safe Plan or the Restricted Activity Direction.

**Important note:**  
 This COVID Safe plan is subject to change and may be updated in line with advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer. Monitor the TTV website frequently to stay informed.

