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State/Territory Associations, clubs/associations and all members

Following the last TTA COVID-19 correspondence on 23 June 2020, further easing of restrictions have been announced by most State/Territory Governments, while restrictions have been tightened in some parts of Victoria.

This update is provided to summarise the existing state of play in each State/Territory. Please read this correspondence in conjunction with any updates provided by your State/Territory Association, State/Territory Government and Local Government.

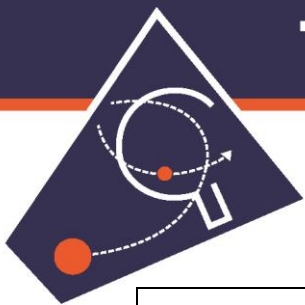
State/Territory Specific Update:

<u>ACT</u>	
Current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 25 people in the venue, or one person for every four square metres (whichever is greater).- Training and competitions are allowed, doubles can be played.
Further Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ACT Government COVID-19 website: https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/- TTACT website information: https://www.tabletennisact.org.au/coronavirus/

<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>	
Current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Training and competitions are allowed, doubles can be played.- 1 person for every 4 square metres to be maintained.- Where more than 20 people are present, the organiser must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan.
Further Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- New South Wales Government COVID-19 website: https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

<u>NORTHERN TERRITORY</u>	
Current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Training and competitions are allowed, doubles can be played (a COVID-19 checklist for sport and active recreation organisations must be submitted).- Spectators permitted in an approved seating configuration.
Further Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Northern Territory Government COVID-19 website: https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/

<u>QUEENSLAND</u>	
Current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maximum of 1 person for every 4 square metres.- Training and competitions are allowed, doubles can be played.
Further Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Queensland Government COVID-19 website: https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/- TTQ COVID-19 update: http://www.tabletennisqld.org/?Nav=News&NewsId=1000



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum of 1 person for every 2 square metres. - Training and competitions are allowed, doubles can be played. - All affiliates are required to complete a COVID-19 Safe Plan – this is mandatory.
Further Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South Australia Government COVID-19 website: https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/ - South Australian Roadmap for Easing COVID-19 Restrictions: https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery - Additional South Australian Government Fact Sheets: Sport Change Rooms Communal / Shared Food

TASMANIA

Current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum of 1 person for every 2 square metres, with a maximum of 250 people per undivided space. - Training and competitions are allowed, doubles can be played.
Further Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tasmania Government COVID-19 website: https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/ - Tasmanian Roadmap to Recovery: https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/families-community/roadmap-to-recovery

VICTORIA

Current status	<p>The whole State, except for metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum 20 people in the venue at any one time. - Maximum of 1 person for every 4 square metres. - Training and competitions are allowed - Doubles is not permitted. <p>Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, from 11.59pm on 8 July 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No play is currently possible in indoor venues.
Further Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Victoria Government COVID-19 website: https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19 - TTV Return to Play Plan: https://www.tabletennisvic.org.au/covid-19/

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No restrictions unless venues can hold over 500 people, in which case a maximum of 1 person for every 2 square metres. - Training and competitions are allowed, doubles can be played.
Further Information	<p>Western Australia Government COVID-19 website: https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus</p>



Moreover, the following mandatory and recommended requirements are provided where play has resumed, or for when play resumes:

Mandatory requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get tested if you show symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19. - Maintain social distancing of 1.5m at all times (unless playing doubles). - Venues are to ensure that hand sanitiser is present at the entry/exit, and in all toilets. - Use the 'get in, get out' principle, i.e. come to the venue ready to play, conduct training/competition, then go home. No staying at the venue before or after playing. - Wash hands regularly, including before and after play, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet. - Venues to ensure that all equipment is regularly cleaned and disinfected, e.g. tables, balls, chairs etc. - No use of handkerchiefs and dispose of used tissues into a bin. - Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue.
Recommended requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement a booking system to ensure that any required people limits can be adhered to (if required by State/Territory Government). - Clean and disinfect the ball(s) you use upon completion of play. - No shaking hands before or after play. Suggested alternatives: 1) verbal thank you, 2) nodding the head, 3) raising a hand in acknowledgement. - No wiping of hands on the table. - Older people and those more susceptible to respiratory conditions should exercise caution and limit their interaction with others.

General TTA Update:

- 2020 National Championships: All National Championships are scheduled to be played in Traralgon in late 2020, [click here](#) for the official announcement. Although there is a spike in COVID-19 cases in Melbourne, no changes to current plans are expected.
- Spinneroos: Our new Entry Level Program, Spinneroos, will formally roll out in 2020 and we are working towards a term 3 or term 4 start, depending on existing State/Territory Government restrictions. Contact spinneroos@tabletennis.org.au for further details.
- Table Tennis Corporate Cup: The finals for our new corporate wellness program, the Table Tennis Corporate Cup, are still planned to proceed in 2020, new dates TBC.
- National Squad Training: Our National Squads and National Coaches continue to work hard, including returning to our National Training Centres in Melbourne recently. However, with the current spike in COVID-19 cases in metropolitan Melbourne, we are currently working through what our options are after consulting with medical and Government authorities.

COVIDSafe App:

The COVIDSafe app is a Federal Government initiative aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19. Full information on the app, including instructions for downloading the app can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

TTA strongly recommends that everyone in the table tennis community downloads the app. This will help us get back to normality as soon as possible and help protect the health and safety of Australia and by extension, the Australian table tennis community.



TTA COVID-19 Webpage:

TTA has set up a COVID-19 webpage to provide useful information to all stakeholders. You can find previous updates, resources for clubs/associations, TTA programs, Play at Home Guides, and you can purchase equipment for home use. To view the webpage, please [click here](#).

Please stay safe and healthy and continue to look out for one another. We're pleased to see normality being restored across most of Australia and we look forward to the current spike in COVID-19 cases in metropolitan Melbourne being overcome in the coming weeks.

Best regards,
Scott.

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