

# COVID-19 Advice School Sports Update

## **Covid-19 Update**

The NSW Government provided updated advice for NSW School in relation to the conduct of school sports during this stage of the COVID -19 pandemic.

### **The following advice applies from Monday 8 March, 2021.**

This information has been sent out to Diocese Directors and Principals of Independent Catholic Schools, please to pass this information on as required. Specifically please note the highlighted point which I believe is an attempt by the Government to align the DoE to Community Sport resultant from the divergence we saw last year between school and community sport. The NSW State Government has recently eased restrictions across the state on the advice of NSW Health. NSW Health has agreed to the following activities resuming across all schools in NSW effective 8 March:

- Weekly sport and recreational activities, gala days, selection trials for representative sport and activities, whole of school carnivals, zone and school carnivals and interschool events are permitted
- The number of participants involved in sport and physical activities at a venue/facility must comply with external venue restrictions
- Parents/spectators may attend school or external venue events in accordance with the COVID-19 Safety Plan. Please note that some venues, such as major recreational facilities, may have additional safety requirements
- **School sporting activity requirements, whether indoors or outdoors, should align with those in place for other community sporting competitions and training activities in NSW**
- External coaches and other providers are permitted
- Use of local external sporting grounds, swimming pools (including hydrotherapy pools), recreational facilities and community facilities is permitted. This includes border school communities using interstate venues where border requirements permit

- A member of staff must be available to supervise gym or fitness sessions at all times. Where there are more than 20 students in the gym at one time, staff must ensure that infection control guidelines are implemented
- Records of those participating in external events and activities must be maintained for a period of 28 days in accordance with contact tracing requirements. Schools do not need to provide a list of attendees to the venue. Details of a contact person from the school who holds the attendance records is all that is required.'

As always, please contact Ann-Marie or myself if you have any queries.

Regards, Robert Rush

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