

COVID-19 Advice - Update

On 24 September 2020, the NSW Government provided updated advice for NSW School and Community Sports Communities in relation to the conduct of school and community sports during the next stage of the COVID -19 pandemic.

The following advice applies from Saturday 26 September 2020.

Inter-school Sport

- Interschool sport and physical activity can recommence. This means that schools and students may now travel outside their local community.
- Zone carnivals (swimming, cross country, athletics), round robins and gala days involving more than one school, can also recommence within the restrictions of the venue.
- The number of participants involved in interschool sport and physical activities in a facility must be limited to ensure compliance with external venue restrictions (one person per 4 square metres of space, 1.5m distancing and to a maximum of 500 people, including staff).
- Students from different schools are permitted to mix while participating, however, mixing of students should be limited when not participating.
- Students participating in weekly sport and physical activities, including recreational activities, where possible, are to remain within their regular cohort to limit the mixing of students between cohort groups.
- Selection trials for representative pathway events or school placement in 2021 (e.g. sport and high school enrolment) may now recommence.

Parental Attendance

- No parents or other spectators are permitted to attend activities held on school sites during the school day.
- Even if sporting competition occurs in an external venue, if the sporting activity is held during the school day 'non-essential' adults should not attend.

- Parents should be advised that they are able to pick up and drop off students from the event, but should not stay to spectate the event.
- It is the preference of the School Sport Unit that parents are not allowed into schools to volunteer at school sport events etc. However, Dr Kerry Chant Chief Health Officer of NSW has written that if any volunteers (which may include parents) are 'essential' adults and involved directly in delivery of curriculum activities or health services; these volunteers may be allowed. Noting that all teachers, coaches and volunteers should continue to ensure they maintain physical distancing during, before and after school or sporting activities. COVID 19 Plans and COVID 19 Safe Guidelines are to be executed.
- School and community sports organisations and participants should continue to avoid shared travel arrangements such as car-pooling, and to minimise gatherings before and after the event.

Please note this advice is subject to change with updated advice from the Government.

Note from Dr Kerry Chant Chief Medical Officer NSW -

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/CHO-advice-sports-and-education.aspx>