



COMPETITION OPERATIONS and PROCEDURES FOR NETBALL PARTICIPANTS

The priority of MWNA is to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the community and to undertake its social responsibility to do everything it can to slow down the spread of COVID-19. The key point of reference in all considerations and guidelines has been the measures recommended and implemented by both the Federal and State Governments.

COVID-19 is most likely spread through direct close contact with a person while they are infectious (usually face to face contact for at least 15 minutes; or being in the same enclosed space for at least 2 hours). With the majority of community level netball played outdoors, the risk of infection through playing sport is minimal, and now with the rate of infection greatly reduced, it is time to cautiously reintroduce the MWNA 2020 netball competition.

Our MWNA Competition Plan and the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Plan have been developed in line with the template provided by the NSW Government but may require alteration(s) as Public Health Orders change. In order to return to netball, this MWNA document serves to support the implementation of the competition structure and its associated procedures, emphasising the responsibilities of all MWNA members.

Facility Attendance

In preparing the MWNA competition plan, we have considered the number of participants and fixtures to minimise the number of attendees at Curl Curl courts at any one time.

Court Usage and Numbers

Each court can be utilised for competition with half an hour allocated to allow netball participants to get in and out of the grounds through the John Fisher Park open fence line along Abbott Road, North Curl Curl.

Proposed total numbers per court - maximum	
Players (7) and substitutes (3) x 2 teams	20
Coaches and Team Staff (2 per team)	4
Umpires (+mentors)	2 (possibly 4)
Parent / Spectators	20
Average sum of people	46 (48 with mentors?)

MWNA has set the limit of parents/spectators to allow for adequate social distancing as well as not exceeding one person per 4 square metres. Players are advised to arrive no more than 15 mins prior to the start of the competition game and to leave as soon as possible after playing.

It is intended that there is no overlap between the teams leaving and the teams arriving at a court to play a competition game. For example, during the 11:50am timeslot only the players for this timeslot should be at the court. The players involved in the 1:30 pm game should be arriving after the players from the 11:50 am game have left the court before 1:15 pm.

The above examples of 46 (possibly 48 people) per court and the published recommended arrival and departure times, mean the MWNA competition operations can accommodate spectators without exceeding maximum limits. This will ensure during breaks essential hygiene protocols can be followed in an outdoor area.

Conditions and guidelines for return to training, playing or other netball activities for ALL participants

Before participating in any netball activity, participants and officials should not participate/officiate in a match if:

- **in in the past 14 days they have been in contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.**
- **Feel unwell or currently have any flu like symptoms**
- **Waiting on a result from a COVID-19 test**

High risk people from a health perspective, including elderly and those with pre-existing medical conditions are encouraged to stay away.

Check the NSW Government website link advice regarding the full list of symptoms associated with COVID-19 infection:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing>

When participating in the MWNA Competition the following conditions are to be implemented by the MWNA designated officials:

- All participants are encouraged through various forms of communication to download the COVIDSafe App.
- Liaise and work with NB Council and Facilities Co-ordinator to comply with any specific requirements to provide a COVIDsafe environment to play.
- Determine physical distancing protocols to be used within shared facility spaces (e.g. toilets, spectator viewing step area, entrance foyers, corridors and club house physio room), and where necessary, clearly demonstrate these protocols through marking tape and/or signage.
- Encourage individuals to be respectful of shared space, minimise time spent in these areas and observe physical distancing measures.
- Implement queuing requirements to maintain physical distancing at score sheet pick up/drop off points, physio room.

- Ensure appropriate sale of whistles and credit handling arrangements.
- Implement essential hygiene measures including hand sanitiser provided at 12 venue points.
- Provide a COVIDsafe marquee with equipment for the COVID -19 MWNA Safety Coordinator. This will include equipment/clothing/signage that supports infection control measures.
- Provide on-going communication on how 'return to play' measures will be managed. This includes website, facebook, whats app groups (such as MWNA Club Secretaries, MWNA COVID -19 Coordinator, MWNA Coaching). Utilise repeat messaging to emphasise effective hygiene protocols. 'A' frame displays at appropriate spots around John Fisher Park will also support messaging.
- Ensure any handling of equipment is to be kept to a minimum by employees/volunteers.
- MWNA Toilets are open for use and participants are encouraged to use their bathroom at home rather than the public facility. Clear signage indicating the restrictions of the number of people (dependent on the number) entering/exiting the toilet facility at one time should be displayed
- Use of MWNA and public toilets, wet or inside areas should be limited to players, umpires and team personnel and thorough cleaning is conducted between timeslots.
- Soap and sanitiser will be available in the toilets, upstairs kitchen and physio room at all times.
- Bibs not to be shared or loaned between teams or clubs.
- One match ball to be used for each game which needs to be sanitised prior to the commencement of the game and at the quarter break.
- Announcements are made before, during and at the end of the game that team personnel are encouraged to rehydrate, and hand sanitise.
- Discourage social activity once games have concluded i.e. teams should avoid team handshakes, team huddles or high fives or various other team celebrations that breach physical distancing. Team celebrations should be limited to essential outdoor gatherings and within government guidelines.
- Repeat physical distancing protocols, support and observe adults (in particular) prior to, during and after the game and set expectations.
- Repeat messaging on "No Dogs at Netball"

Club Responsibilities

- Avoid unnecessary movement between other court hubs
- Sanitise at the hand stations upon entry.
- Encourage all club members to download the COVIDSafe App.
- Where possible, appoint a Club COVID -19 Safety Coordinator and support them in training about infection control measures. Liaise with the MWNA Covid-19 Safety Coordinator.
- Repeat messaging and expect physical distancing protocols are supported and observed by club members/adults prior to, during and after competition games.
- Provide on-going communication guidelines on how 'return to play' measures will be managed by the club. This includes website, facebook, whats app (be

an active and supportive participant in the MWNA Club Secretaries, MWNA COVID-19 Coordinator, MWNA Coaching groups). Utilise repeat messaging to emphasise effective hygiene protocols amongst club members. Refer to Display 'A' frames and infographics at appropriate venues to support essential hygiene messaging.

- Implement arrangements to minimise the shared use of club equipment where possible.
- Also, avoid sharing of articles of clothing such as volunteer high visibility vests (jacketed ground marshalls should take their own vest home to wash).
- Clubs Administrators should support all Netball participants in implementing effective 'Return to Play' guidelines. See below.
- Should an administrator be approached regarding a suspected COVID-19 participant refer to the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Coordinator who is located at the COVID-19 marquee adjacent to the building.
- Repeat messaging on "No Dogs at Netball"

Team Personnel Responsibility at Competition Games

- Enter via the entry point at John Fisher park closest to your assigned court
- Exit via the exist point at John Fisher Park closest to your assigned court
- Avoid unnecessary movement between other court sections
- Sanitise at the hand stations upon entry and exit.
- Download the COVIDSafe App and all members of your team to also download the app.
- If you are unwell or have flu like symptoms, please stay at home in the first instance and contact your club administration. If you become unwell, please inform your team personnel (maintaining social distance) and if safe, please go home. Refer to the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Coordinator if you have concerns, who is located at the COVID-19 marquee adjacent to the building.
- Discourage sharing of personal equipment including playing equipment, spare playing 'blood' uniforms, drink bottles and towels and should not leave personal equipment on surfaces such as a table or bench.
- Repeat messaging and expect physical distancing protocols are supported and observed by Team members including spectators prior to, during and after competition games.
- Avoid sharing of stationery (pens, clip boards etc.), other personal IT equipment (laptops, iPads,etc); and team officials should not share whistles or other equipment such as cones, ladders, hurdles etc.
- Where possible, use anti-bacterial wipes, spray or sanitiser. If shared equipment (particularly balls and bibs) this should be rotated, washed, or wiped with antibacterial wipes or alcohol-based sanitise/sprays prior to and after each use and at each break. In the case of bibs, there should be at a minimum 2 set of bibs per team.
- Emphasise personal equipment bags should be arranged to permit physical distancing of participants (1.5 metres) before, during and after games.

- Should team personnel be approached regarding a suspected COVID-19 participant refer to the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Coordinator who is located at the COVID-19 marquee adjacent to the building.
- Repeat messaging on “No Dogs at Netball”
- Maintain a register of attendees at training sessions
- Maintain a register of spectators at game days.

Player and Umpire Responsibilities at Competition Games

- Enter via the entry point at John Fisher park closest to your assigned court
- Exit via the exit point at John Fisher Park closest to your assigned court
- Avoid unnecessary movement between other court sections
- Sanitise at the hand stations upon entry and exit.
- Download the COVIDSafe App.
- If you are unwell or have flu like symptoms, please stay at home in the first instance and contact your club administrator and/or team personnel. If you become unwell, please inform your team personnel (maintaining social distance) and if safe, please go home. Refer to the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Coordinator if you have concerns, who is located at the COVID-19 marquee adjacent to the building.
- Ideally come to the game already prepared to compete/officiate. This may include strapping. Please use your home bathroom before attending the game.
- Bring your own clearly labelled drink bottle. No sharing of drink bottles is permitted. Bring your own recovery food. This should not be supplied by the team.
- Hand sanitise before, at intervals and after the game.
- Leave the venue as swiftly as possible once your game has concluded.
- Umpires wear a white T-shirt or white bib of their own which should be taken home to be washed and not shared.
- Uniforms/white shirts/white bibs should be washed between games.
- No sharing of whistles
- Should an umpire be approached regarding a suspected COVID-19 participant refer to the MWNA COVID-19 Safety Coordinator who is located at the COVID-19 marquee adjacent to the building.

Parents/Spectator Responsibilities at Competition Games

One Parent/spectator per player may attend games upon full resumption of competitive netball activities provided the parent/spectator follows MWNA precautions to minimise transmission risk. Parents/spectators will:

- Enter via the entry point at John Fisher park closest to your assigned court
- Exit via the exit point at John Fisher Park closest to your assigned court
- Avoid unnecessary movement between other court sections
- Sanitise at the hand stations upon entry.
- Download the COVIDSafe App.
- If you are unwell or have flu like symptoms, please stay at home in the first instance. If you become unwell, please inform your team personnel (maintaining social distance) and if safe, please go home. Refer to the MWNA COVID-19 Safety

Coordinator if you have concerns, who is located at the COVID-19 marquee adjacent to the building.

- (One) 1 Spectator per player is allowed at games.
- Spread along the sidelines and follow the designated use of specific areas that meet physical distancing requirements ie 1.5 metres apart (members of the same household are not required to distance) (See map at end of document)
- Be prepared to register your name with team personnel.
- Spectators from different games and timeslots should not co-mingle.
- Arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled timeslot of the competition game. At all times avoid congestion at what has been 'normal' or regular entry/exit points.
- Do not bring your dogs to Netball.