

# CASE STUDY

## Sporting Fields



### Key points

- › From 11.59pm on Tuesday 1 September 2020, community sporting activities (other than classes and training) can have 100 spectators (excluding staff and participants) for each indoor space and each outdoor space.
- › Spectators must practise physical distancing of 1.5 metres from other spectators who are not part of their household.
- › Competition and squad swimming can continue within the gathering requirements for swimming pools.
- › There continues to be no limit on the number of swimmers per lane, however numbers need to be managed.
- › Class and training venues can have a maximum of 25 people (excluding staff) across the whole venue.
- › If venues want to have more than 25 people they should use the one person per 4 square metres of usable space rule, up to 100 people (excluding staff).
- › Facilities must clearly display occupancy allowance at the entrance to the venue as well as display additional signs with area occupancy for separate individual spaces.
- › All sporting organisations, clubs and venues must have a Return to Play in a COVID Safe Environment plan or a COVID Safety Plan (whichever is relevant).
- › Full contact sporting competition, including dance and martial arts continues to be permitted.
- › Communal facilities (such as changerooms) can still open if a risk assessment has been done and a strict cleaning regime is put in place.
- › Canteen and kiosk facilities can still open with consideration as to how gatherings of people will be prevented. Physical distancing requirements must be clearly marked around canteens.
- › Clubs must ensure minimal sharing of equipment, and that it is cleaned between uses/sessions.
- › Clean frequently used areas using a suitable detergent in accordance with manufacturer directions. You can download the [WorkSafe ACT cleaning checklist](#) to assist with implementing health and hygiene measures.

## Case study: Hosting groups of up to 100

A local football league has decided to restart junior soccer for a small number of teams at a sporting field in northern Canberra.

The football league has developed a Return to Play in a COVID Safe Environment Plan which clearly sets out how it will manage competitions in coming weeks. It has shared the Plan with all the families of participants and talked to kids about how their sport will operate in accordance with the Plan.

Each Saturday the league has booked a field measuring 20 metres x 30 metres for training, which can accommodate up to 100 participants while observing the one player per 4 square metre rule.

The football league has also ensured that only 100 spectators are present for each session.

Children are asked to bring their own water bottles and snacks are not to be shared.

The football league ensures cleaning of the equipment at half time and at the end of the game.

Kiosk and canteen facilities are open and managed in accordance with food safety requirements. There are clear signs around the kiosk asking people not to gather in the canteen and foyer area.

This information is correct as of 18 September 2020. For the latest advice on restrictions please check the [COVID-19 website](#) or call the COVID-19 helpline on (02) 6207 7244.

More information, frequently asked questions and support materials can be found on the [Sport and Recreation website](#).