



Croquet CNSW COVID Guidelines

Date of Guideline: 20 October 2020

Changes since last Guideline: Limited opening of clubhouses for sport participation. New guidance on end of season functions and team bbqs.

The NSW Government and the Office of Sport issue press releases, health orders, announcements, guidelines and regulations under State emergency powers from time to time to take into account changes to Covid-19 case numbers and outbreaks. Our insurers have advised that our liability insurance remains in place provided the guidelines are followed.

As croquet is not the primary focus, CNSW often needs to seek further guidance about the application of the amended orders and guidelines for croquet. CNSW guidelines are updated in response to changes. Please let us know if anything has been missed or is not clear. Contact secretary@croquet-nsw.org

These guidelines are provided for the use of members and clubs. We use our best endeavours to keep the guidelines up to date. Moreover, these guidelines set a minimum level only. Clubs should consider their own circumstances and if appropriate introduce stronger measures. This has already happened with a number of clubs.

Guidelines

Club play is permitted subject to:

- No member should play if unwell, or waiting for the results of a Covid test, or have been overseas or interstate particularly Victoria or in a hotspot in the previous 14 days.
- Clubs must complete and display a Covid Safe Plan. Clubs can download a template from https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-07/covid-19-safety-plan-community-sporting-competitions_0.pdf. Please note that this template is easy to complete and is a good checklist of items that you need to cover. **Best practice is to register as a Covid Safe business and display your COVID Safety Plan.**

- Shared equipment should be cleaned and sanitised before and after use. Croquet balls should be washed with soap and water as the manufacturer has advised that alcohol may affect the colour
- Social distancing applies at all times
- Clubs should provide sanitiser and wipes for member use and members should be asked to bring their own supplies as well
- No more than 10 people per lawn
- No more than 50 people per venue
- Players must record names and phone numbers for each playing session. Clubs must retain these records along with booking information and booking sheets.

Clubhouses

- Clubhouses can be open to facilitate participation in sport on the principle of arrive, participate, leave. Social distancing applies at all times. Clubhouses must display the maximum number of people in the clubhouse (even if it is closed) at one time as per the four square metre rule.
- Kitchens should remain closed for the preparation of food. If you use a kitchen or urn for a cup of tea then use disposable cups and use gloves/paper towels to put out cups.
- Whenever the clubhouse is used, all surfaces should be wiped clean. Use sanitiser and paper towel for all cleaning and don't forget high touch points especially door handles
- Club meetings and AGMs should not be held within the clubhouse. Clubs should consider a separate venue or online meeting. Alternatively hold a gathering outdoors

Competitions between Clubs

There is no restriction on organising these events but organisers should note:

- Social distancing should apply at all times, including when travelling to and from the event
- No social events or shared meals
- Draws may need to be reorganised so that players have less interaction. If you need help with the draw for your local event, please contact the Tournament Committee for support.

End of Season Awards Functions

End of season awards functions for clubs and associations are permitted to take place, in line with the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plan at the venue at which it is being hosted.

Clubs and associations should discuss their plans with venue operators to determine requirements such as capacity limits and event formats. From Monday 28 September 2020, corporate functions and events held on a premises that are a function centre will be permitted to have up to 300 attendees, subject to adhering to the one person per four sqm capacity limits (whichever is lesser). The definition of a corporate event is detailed within the *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 5) 2020*, which can be found on the NSW Health website.

The following key principles apply for end of season awards functions, regardless of which venue type is selected.

- Functions must be seated.
- Consider allocated seating and ensuring people remain seated as much as possible, to minimise mingling between seated groups.
- Seating must be separated by 1.5 metres. Household or other close contacts do not need to physically distance.
- Ensure no more than 10 people at a table.
- Dancefloors are not permitted.
- Promote online ticket purchasing and electronic ticket checking where possible.
- Have strategies in place to manage gatherings that may occur immediately outside the premises.
- Ensure alcohol at any event is only consumed by seated attendees.
- Children count towards any capacity limits.

Team Barbeques and Social Gatherings

End of season team gatherings such as barbeques are permitted to take place, but must adhere to a maximum gathering size of 20 people in public places and at a household under the Public Health Order. Physical distancing should be adhered to for non-household groups.

Teams may wish to consider hiring of facilities that can accommodate larger gathering sizes such as community halls, however should note that they will still be required to comply with the relevant Public Health Order and COVID-19 Safety Plan requirements for that venue.

For adult community sport, teams are encouraged to hold their social gathering at a single venue, rather than multiple venues throughout the day.

CNSW Competitions

- These events are now being held but the timetable has become crowded. Please refer to the CNSW website for the schedule of events