



COVID19 Safety Plan Rugby Park

This Plan outlines protocols to be implemented at Rugby Park, Marrara to reduce risks associated with exposure to COVID-19 that allow resumption of matches for the Darwin Club Rugby competition. It also outlines how illness of participants will be managed to reduce risk to others. The resumption of training by clubs at Rugby Park is managed under individual club COVID19 Safety Plans.

The Plan will remain in effect until advice from the Northern Territory Chief Health Officer (CHO) is received that it must be altered or is no longer required. It will be continually reviewed to ensure it meets CHO Directions <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/chief-health-officer-directions> and other legislative requirements. Other directions may be provided by Northern Territory Government via *Q&As – Sport and Active Recreation Sector*, Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture. The current reference is Version 10 issued 5 June 2020

It will apply to all participants of rugby: employees, subcontractors, volunteers, Clubs and their members, athletes, match officials, sports trainers and spectators entering Rugby Park.

The Match Manager of each competition day will ensure physical measures are in place before games begin. Club administrators and team officials are to support compliance with this Plan by their members.

There are three key principles outlined by Northern Territory Government to guide Territorians towards our New Normal to manage the potential spread of COVID19. These are:

1. Personal and Community Responsibility Principle

Participants and spectators are encouraged to take responsibility and follow the principles in their daily lives.

Players, match officials, parents, carers and staff should not attend Rugby Park or go home if they feel unwell. Signage will be placed around Rugby Park to remind everyone of this principle.

It is also recommended that vulnerable individuals who are either immune-compromised or at an age that they are more susceptible to infection, reconsider their attendance.

2. Social Distancing Principle

Spectators should adhere to social distancing requirements of 1.5metres between those who are outside a person's normal 'social bubble'. Signage shall be positioned and public address announcements shall be frequently made to remind participants to maintain the social distancing requirements.

Players and team officials who are registered with their Club are able to participate in activities that may involve contact with members of their club with no social distancing ie a team is considered a 'social bubble'.

A minimum space of 1.5 metres shall be kept between persons who are not members of the same team, family, or a friend or acquaintance except on-field during play.

Spectator seating within the grandstand allows for 1.5 metres of separation between different groups and/or individuals. Signage will encourage patrons to socially distance.

Where people are required to queue for the canteen or bar, appropriate signage should be followed, as should the floor marking provided on the ground to indicate where people should stand.

Entry and exit routes to the playing fields are in place (refer to map over page) to avoid massing of people.

3. Hygiene Principles

Avoid touching your face and cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.

Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before and after any contact with surfaces that are used by more than one person.

Regularly cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces that are touched by more than one person will be undertaken by NTRU staff after each competition and training day.

Field and Player Enclosure Access

Only players, match officials, sports trainers and NTRU staff are allowed to enter the fields of play. This applies to under 12 matches and above on Friday night and all matches on Wednesday and Saturday.

For under 6, under 8 and under 10 matches at 6pm on Friday nights, spectators may access the Fields but are reminded to socially distance. Field 1 access is via the gate at McMillans Road and exit is via the Abala Road gate. There will be no access through the gate in the breezeway adjacent to the bar. This includes for players, spectators and match officials.

Field 2 access is via the mid-field and exit is via either end of the field. See map over page.

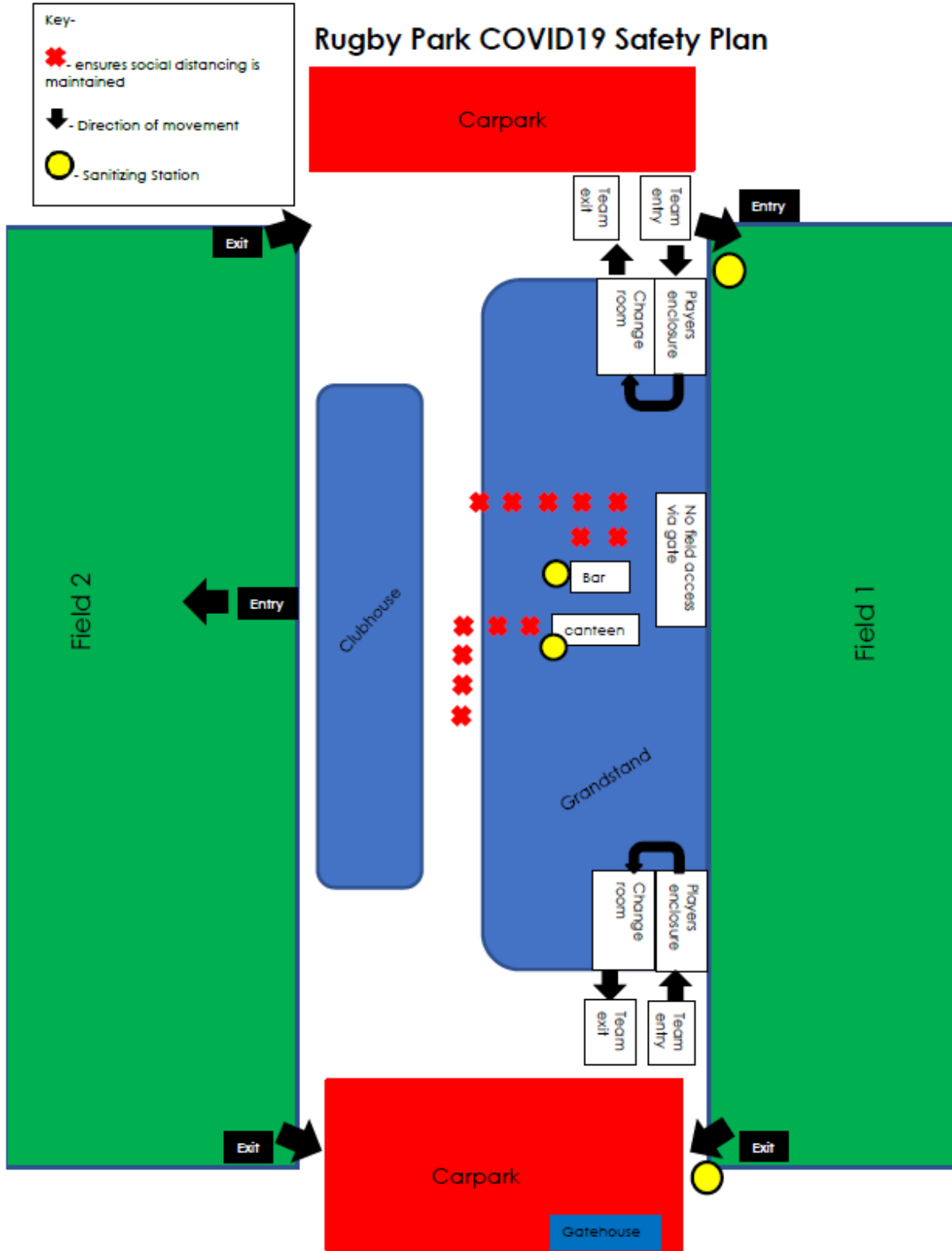
To support social distancing within the player enclosures and changerooms, only players and team officials may enter. These spaces must be vacated quickly following a match. No other support personnel or parents/carers are to enter the Player Enclosure or changerooms. Disinfecting wipes will be available for teams to wipe down surfaces as they leave the change room. Wherever possible, showers should be taken at home.

Clubs may provide sanitiser products for their own players within their Player Enclosure.

All participants, parents or carers and staff shall have access to the toilet facilities to wash their hands with soap and water. Hand sanitizing stations will be located at field entry and exit points, as well as at the bar and canteen.

No spitting anywhere or on any person. Should this be observed, the offender will be removed from Rugby Park immediately.

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Water Containers and Bottles

Players shall bring and only use their own water bottles. For all junior matches and B Grade, players can be substituted to the player enclosure or sideline to use their own waterbottles. A Grade players should access their waterbottles from the end of the field or sideline adjacent to their playing enclosure.

Shared Equipment

Match balls will be disinfected by the Match Manager between matches.

Personal Behaviour

Handshakes and high-fives between teams are discouraged. 'Elbow bumps' are more appropriate between teams.

Team huddles may only be held with players of the same team. Spectators should not congregate around team huddles.

Cleaning Schedules

NTRU staff will clean and sanitise toilet facilities, including doors, door handles, taps and soap dispensers, change rooms and other high-contact surfaces. They will also regularly monitor paper towels, soap and hand sanitiser levels.

First Aid Room

Access to the first aid room should only be during an emergency.

Ice for soft-tissue injuries can be obtained through the bar or from St John's staff at the first aid room at Rugby Park.

The first aid table will be wiped down by disinfectant wipes between use.

Food Handling

The bar and canteen shall be frequently and adequately cleaned.

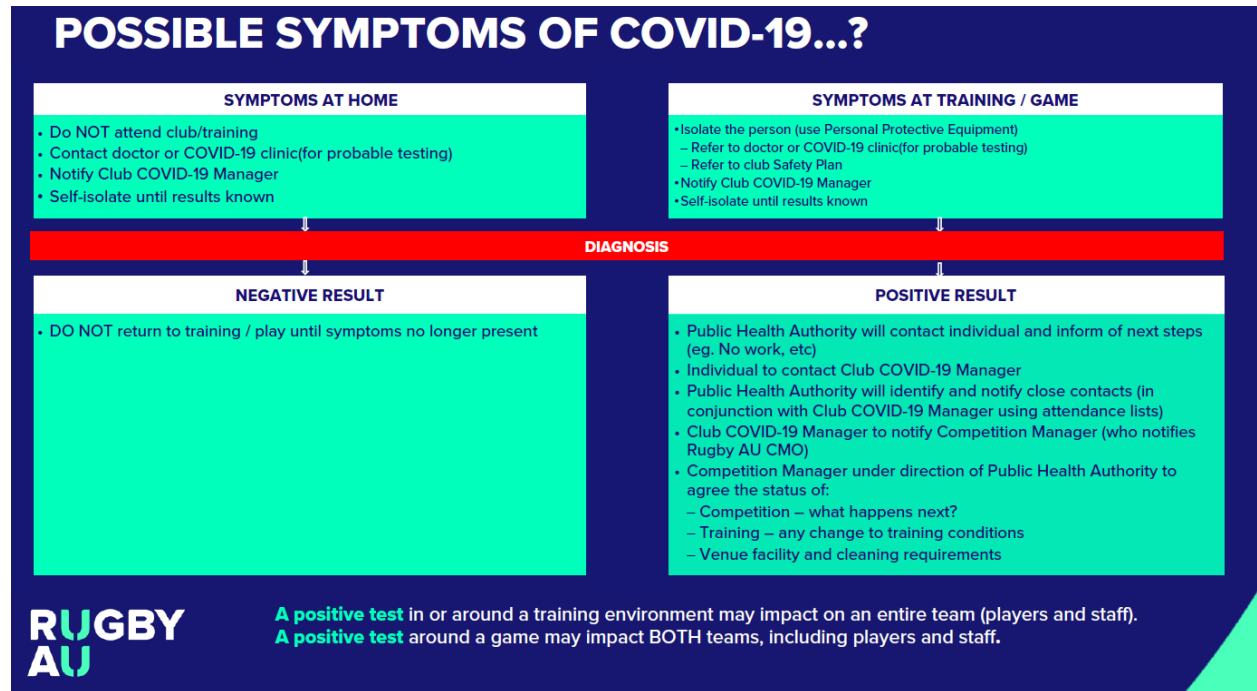
Appropriate signage and markings will be positioned on the ground to ensure social distancing and reduce mass gathering.

There shall be separate entry and exit paths to the bar and canteen.

Staff will be provided gloves and hand santiser.

SUSPECTED / POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19 PROTOCOL

In the event an individual is suspected, at training or a match, to have possible COVID19 symptoms, the Rugby Australia Respond and Recover procedure is to be used. See over page. The Club COVID19 Manager may be the Club President or an alternate person identified by your club. Please contact your club directly.



Rugby participants are encouraged to download the COVIDSafe app. Signage will be placed around Rugby Park to support this.

Match Day app information, specifically team sheets and registration information, will be provided to Public Health authorities if requested for tracing purposes.

Any decision regarding player or team exclusion from the competition will be based on advice received from the NT's Chief Health Officer.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Participants failing to comply with the requirements of this Plan shall be requested to immediately leave Rugby Park. Repeat offenders will be denied further entry and subject to the severity and frequency of non-compliance, further sanctions may be applied. It is up to the entire rugby community to work together to prevent possible exposure and spread of COVID19.