

NSW Sailing in a Covid Environment

Australian Sailing August Update



20th August 2020

In response to increased cases of COVID-19 in NSW, Dr Kerry Chant (Chief Health Officer - NSW) is advising of further public health measures to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission related to participation in community sports. These updated recommendations will help clubs to meet the NSW Government's aim of achieving no community transmission in NSW and will support community sports to continue operating safely.

It is essential that community sports organisations have a **COVID-19 safety plan** covering the sport and recreation events, and the club is fully compliant with this plan at all times. NSW Government Covid Safety Marshalls are visiting clubs around NSW. In addition, clubs are asked to please implement the following updated public health recommendations:

- Cease activities that result in the mixing of participants and staff from different regions, for example by ceasing racing, regattas and regional or state championships or competitions.
- Inter-regional mixing include activities which bring together participants (including spectators and officials) from organisations in different regions of Sydney, from a rural area into a metro area and vice versa, and movement between different rural areas
- For water-based sports in Greater Sydney (i.e. Sydney Harbour or beach-based sports), NSW Health have requested that there should be at least three (3) 'regions', determined by the SSO/SSOD, but ideally more. [Click here for the determined regions for sailing](#)
- Cease any activities that result in overnight stays (e.g. multi-day regattas, training camps) due to increased risk of COVID transmission in residential-type settings with shared facilities
- Cease face-to-face social activities relating to community sports (e.g. award ceremonies, bbq's, end-of-season social gatherings, post-training group dinners, open-days)
- Avoid carpools or bus travel with people from different household groups where possible
- For local activities, limit spectators to one parent only, where the child requires parental supervision during the sporting activity.

Clubs are requested to please commence implementation of these recommendations by Wednesday 19 August. NSW Health anticipates these recommendations will need to be in place for the next 6 weeks until the end of September. Australian Sailing will continue to update you in relation to the continued need for these public health measures. I would like to thank your club for your support and ongoing attention to providing a COVID-19 safe environment.

Many thanks

Carl Webster - Regional Manager NSW/ACT

- [Letter to Community Sport Organisations from Dr Kerry Chant](#)
- [Frequently asked questions on the latest restrictions](#)
- [Presentation to club officials \(20th August 2020\)](#)
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