



# TABLE TENNIS NEW SOUTH WALES INC

30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

COVID 19 Update

## STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF TABLE TENNIS NSW

To : All players , parents , coaches ,officials and spectators

From : Table Tennis NSW COVID Safety Officer

From late 2022 the Federal and State governments removed **MOST COVID** restrictions. This is living with COVID.

Some improvements applied in the way we delivered our programs ie: training, tournaments and general DUTY of CARE will remain ie: moving to all on-line entries, payments and communication.

This includes fully timed draws over 2 days – social distancing still applies and good hygiene practices are heavily advised – hand sanitiser is available – If you are feeling sick or unwell, please do not come.

At this stage there is no requirement to be vaccinated to enter NSW tournaments. However, in 2022 **ALL** National Championships - Open, Junior, Veterans and Para - a condition of entry was – “Full Vaccination Status” according to ATAGI – this may or may not be a requirement at the 2023 National Championships . It is highly recommended that – all players spectators officials and parents aspiring to go to any National Championships – maintain and update their vaccination status when they become due.

To ensure our “Duty of Care “is maintained Table Tennis NSW **WILL** be following All Government directives and any recommendations from relevant Government authorities. We are also informing all our clubs, associations, members and non-members to follow the same directives and recommendations – this to ensure maximum safety for all our members, this includes that our members privacy is maintained. This by following any recommendations, if and when any new restrictions are imposed.

The Coronavirus Hotline number is: 1800 020 080. If you have any enquiries, you can contact the Coronavirus Hot line or Table Tennis NSW

You are also able to contact this hotline to obtain an on-line Medical assessment.

### **1) Service NSW**

Table Tennis NSW is registered as a COVID Safe Business as recommended by Office of Sport NSW.

Table Tennis falls under the term “Business “ as we registered as a COVID safe business The process for registration is as follows:

- A) Have a Safety Plan - we used the Australian Sports Commission Template as a sport specific plan – and as well as the Australian Sports Commission Checklist (this is closer to the Standard Business Safety plan ) this was sent this to all clubs and associations to update the venue conditions - so each venue MUST have their own plan – this has been updated to version 11 for 2023

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- B) Register as a COVID safe Business – done.
- C) No longer required – Service NSW QR code sign in.

## 2) Wearing of masks –

There is currently no Mandatory requirement to wear masks.

However – if you are unable to safely be socially distant at any Indoor facility or if you are in a high-risk group or if you are Immune compromised or live with a vulnerable person – it is highly recommended that masks be worn.

**Please remember** – Not to Bully or discriminate against anyone desiring to continue to follow any of the hygiene practices including the wearing of masks. This action may be seen as discriminatory and against the All of Sport member protection policy and action may be taken against you individually.

### **Please also be aware that:**

The Sportscover Insurance for: Professional Indemnity & Management Liability **MAY** only apply to Associations and or Clubs who have a recognised Business Entity – ie: are incorporated , have an ABN or registered with ASIC – If you do not have a business entity it is highly recommended that you do. As you may not be covered if an individual intends to sue you personally. Also, you are only eligible for Government grants if you have a business entity.

The wearing of masks was clarified with Service NSW. The wearing of masks at our venues, the details are as follows:

- Whilst in the playing area and are playing - a mask is **NOT** required Although if you are unable to socially distance ie: such as playing doubles you **MAY** wear a mask.
- It is recommended if you intend to wear a mask you check with your own personal physician if you have any safety concerns – everyone is different as is each circumstance.
- Whilst umpiring a mask is **NOT** required. If you are wearing a mask, whilst umpiring, a score counter should be used.
- Whilst in the non-playing area ie bench you **MAY** wear a mask.
- Whilst acting as a: coach; administrator; official; parent or any other adult over 12 years of age a mask **MAY** be worn
- If you have a medical condition, please arrange with your doctor to provide a medical certificate and have it with you.
- Please remember - if for any reason you are unable to breath, please remove your mask and seek immediate medical attention please note the above hotline can provide an immediate on-line medical assessment.

You will need to follow your own clubs' conditions of entry in all matters and will be refused entry if you do not comply.

Table Tennis NSW encourages RISK free Management in Sport

Thank you once again for your co-operation

Leonie Whiteford