



Western Suburbs Junior Australian Football Club

Covid Safety Information / Return to Play

The following plans have been developed in conjunction with the AFL's [Return to Play Framework](#) for contact training and competition group at WSJAFC. All officials, players and parents are required to familiarise themselves and adhere to the protocols in order to ensure a safe return to footy at Wests.

Players

- Please **do not** attend training or matches if you are feeling unwell.
- Be on time for training and matches and come ready to train / play.
- Don't linger unnecessarily before or after training and matches.
- Continue to maintain social distance wherever possible and avoid handshakes, high-fives etc.
- No spitting or clearing of nasal passages on the field

Parents

- Please **do not** send kids to training / matches if they are unwell.
- If dropping off / picking up, please be on time to avoid having kids linger unnecessarily.
- Parents are not to enter the training / field area unless they have been designated as a coach or match official and are recorded on the training log / team sheet

Coaches & Managers

As leaders within the club, Coaches and Managers have an important role to play in influencing the behaviour of players and reinforcing Covid Safety protocols.

- Please **do not** attend training / matches if you are feeling unwell.
- If you believe a player is unwell, ask them to sit out training / match and contact their parents.

Sanitizing

- Each team kit bag has been supplied with a spray bottle of alcohol-based sanitiser that is suitable for both hands and surfaces. Spare bottles are on the shelf in the storeroom.
- Please ensure players either wash with soap and water or sanitise hands before and after training / matches.

Attendance Register

We need to continue to keep a record of attendance at training for each training / playing group.

- Please continue to fill out the attendance sheet at training and place completed sheet in the red folder or email to Covid Safety Officer.
- Match Day team sheets must include the details of all players and officials/volunteers participating in the match.

Water Bottles / Water Carriers

Water carriers are currently permitted however **shared water bottles cannot be used.**

- Players should have individual water bottles clearly labelled with their name.

Guernseys and Bibs

Each Team needs to have arrangements in place to ensure that shared items such as team guernseys and team officials bibs etc. are laundered between games.

Change Rooms

Change rooms are allowed to be used and will be open for home games however their capacity is currently limited to '1 person per 4 square meters' meaning rooms will not have the capacity to accommodate an entire team at the same time.

It is also possible that some venues will have no change room facilities available due to Covid restrictions in their local council area.

- Players should arrive as 'ready to play' wherever possible
- Pre-match and half-time addresses from coaches should be conducted outside.

Ground/Venue Management

Ground Managers

Match Footballs will need to be sanitised after each match before they can be reused.

Venue Capacity

Gatherings at community sports activities are currently limited to 500 participants including players, officials, spectators. Whilst it is unlikely that this limit would be reached during normal home and away matches, Club Officials and Ground Managers should be conscious of this upper limit and monitor attendance.

Social Distancing of spectators

Whilst family/household groups are able to gather in close proximity, spectators are required to comply with current social distancing principles (1.5m distance) whilst at the ground.

- Club Officials and Ground Managers should use their judgement in this regard and politely remind spectators of this need where required.

Restrictions on entering the field

Access to the playing surface is limited to players and only. Officials must be listed on the team sheet.

Canteen/BBQ

Our canteen and BBQ will operate throughout the season in accordance with current advice of NSW Health department.

- Gloves must be worn for all food handling
- Hand sanitiser must be available at food service areas
- Floor markings will be put in place to manage social distancing protocols in queues.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Covid safety at Wests, please feel free to contact the WSJAFC Secretary, Simon Cooper who is our nominated COVID Safety Officer:

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