



SANFL & COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

RETURN TO PLAY

// COVIDSAFE FINALS

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RESTRICTIONS & COVID MARSHALS

What are the current restrictions in place for hosting spectators at sporting/football matches?

A summary of current restrictions are detailed below, but SANFL encourages everyone to keep up to date with the emergency directions at <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations>.

It is firstly important to note that:

- All football clubs and their licenced venues/sporting clubs must have a COVIDSafe Plan
- Any event where more than 1,000 persons are in attendance must have an approved COVID Management Plan
- Contact tracing is required for any event where more than 1,000 persons are in attendance (as per Management Plan)
- COVID Marshals must be present at any time an activity is occurring (ie: football matches/training, or when the licenced venue is in operation)

The following general principles also apply:

- Density of 1 person per 2sqm applies in all indoor/outdoor areas
- Individuals should remain 1.5m from those not in their household or social group (unless undertaking an approved activity such as playing/umpiring)
- Venues must ensure adequate handwashing facilities are available

The following applies in spectator viewing areas surrounding the oval:

- Alcohol must be consumed while seated
- Non-alcoholic beverages can be consumed while standing
- Hand held food (such as chips, pies, BBQ) can be consumed while standing

Please note that the following applies inside your licenced venue/sporting club, including on balconies overlooking the oval:

- All beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and food must be consumed while seated
- Beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and food can be consumed while seated at a bar provided no food preparation occurs on or adjacent to the bar

How many COVID Marshals do we need for our event?

Irrespective of whether your venue is operating finals under a COVIDSafe Plan (up to 1,000 spectators) or COVID Management Plan (more than 1,000 spectators), at least one COVID Marshal must be present. Any event with more than 200 persons, a dedicated COVID Marshal must be appointed.

SANFL recommends where possible venues have multiple COVID Marshals on site to assist in the compliance with COVIDSafe behaviours. Provided venues have at least one dedicated COVID marshal, additional Marshals can undertake additional or other duties such as security, gate staff, ground/team managers, bar/canteen staff.

SA Health may recommend a specific number of Marshals for COVID Management Plan approved events.



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OVAL & CHANGEROOM ACCESS

Can we host kick & catch on the oval at our venue?

SA Health stipulates that only players and officials have access to the oval, therefore kick and catch is not permitted.

Are spectators permitted on the ground following the match?

SA Health stipulates that only players and officials have access to the oval, therefore only players and officials involved in the presentation are permitted on-ground.

What access restrictions apply to changerooms?

As per minor rounds, access to changerooms should be limited to essential personnel only (players, coaches and support staff). No access for non-essential personnel such as anyone who is considered a spectator (ie: board/committee members, sponsors), anyone whose match day role doesn't support player preparation or recovery or the media. Density limits must be observed.

Changerooms should only be used for changing, showering and very brief team addresses. There is to be no loitering.

Can we have a drink in the changeroom post-game?

As per [SA Health guidelines for Sporting Changerooms](#), only water is to be consumed in changerooms with no food permitted.

PRE & POST-MATCH ACTIVITIES/PRESENTATIONS

Can we have team banners?

SA Health stipulates that only players and officials have access to the oval, therefore banners and guards of honour aren't permitted.

What restrictions are there on post-match presentations?

Post-match presentations can occur and should comply with COVIDSafe practices ensuring individuals are physically distanced, as well as limit non-essential touching (ie: hand shaking). No spectators are permitted on the oval.

Presenters should either place the medal around the neck or hand the winner the medal/trophy. Hand shaking should not occur or should be replaced by elbow taps.

Hand washing or hand sanitiser should be made available to any presenters, as well as players/coaches/officials involved in the ceremony.

Can we have an after-party?

Yes, however any events held post-match must observe the venues COVIDSafe Plan and follow all restrictions including, but not limited to:

- Alcohol must be consumed while seated
- No dancing
- No more than 1,000 persons at the event (unless the venue has an approved COVID Management Plan for an after-party to occur)
- Density limits apply to all areas