



SANFL & COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

RETURN TO PLAY

MASK & SPECTATOR MANAGEMENT FAQs

WHAT SPECTATOR ALLOWANCES ARE PERMITTED AT OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SPORT?

Up to 1,000 patrons may attend an outdoor community sporting event.

The following staff/officials do not need to be included in spectator numbers:

- Umpires
- Coaches
- Team Managers
- Medical Support Staff
- Water Carriers
- Property Steward
- Match Day Managers/Officers
- Time Keeper/s & Statisticians
- Club COVID Safe Officer
- Cleaners
- Gate Staff
- Canteen & Bar Staff
- Media/Broadcast/Live-Stream
- Licensed Venue Patrons*

The licenced venue staff and patrons may not need to be included in the total spectator number at the premises. However, while spectator limits apply, clubs should be mindful of patrons moving between the licenced venue and the oval viewing/spectator areas. If they do not believe they can manage the flow of persons between the two areas, they should include the licenced venue area in the overall spectator numbers.

WHY ARE SANFL & AFL GAMES ALLOWED MORE SPECTATORS?

SANFL and AFL have approval host larger crowds because they have COVID Management Plans, which mandate a number of strict protocols to be delivered over and above COVIDSafe plan events. This includes protocols such as higher numbers of COVID Marshals, professional security and gate staff, access to CCTV, strictly monitored gates/entry points for enforcement of check-in, amongst a range of other initiatives.

Community clubs which hold a current and approved COVID Management Plan can also host a greater number of spectators, provided they observe all current directions and criteria outlined in their plan. Details of approved COVID Management Venues can be found [HERE](#).

WHAT CONDITIONS DO SPECTATORS NEED TO ABIDE BY?

Spectators must ensure they abide by the following:

- Use QR Code or Manual check-in when arriving at the venue
- Mandatory wearing of masks at COVID Management Plan events (ie: AFL and SANFL)
- Mandatory wearing of masks while inside the licenced venue/sporting club
- Seated consumption of alcohol while at outdoor sporting events
- Seated consumption of food and beverages while inside licenced venue
- Maintain 1.5m from person not known to them
- Be aware of density restrictions in indoor areas and grandstands, and not overcrowd areas
- Follow any instructions or requests from COVID Marshals

WHO NEEDS TO WEAR A MASK?

It is a mandatory requirement for spectators attending COVID Management Plan spectator events to wear a mask while moving around the venue. The mask may be removed when seated or in fixed standing position.

It is a mandatory requirement for all persons attending indoor sporting events and gyms to wear a mask (not required during exercise)

It is also a mandatory requirement for medical support staff (trainers, physios, doctors etc) to wear a mask while administering treatment to an athlete.

Masks continue to be strongly recommended by SA Health in all settings where persons cannot physically distance.

SA Health's mask messaging is simple - **if you can wear a mask, please wear a mask.**



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UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES DO MASKS NOT NEED TO BE WORN

SA Health have outlined some other circumstances where it might not be possible to wear a mask as follows:

- If the person is under the age of 12
- Where a person may have a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable
- For a person communicating with those who are deaf or hard of hearing and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication
- For a person who wears hearing aids of a style that makes wearing masks difficult and where an alternative style of mask (with ties rather than ear loops) is not available
- Where the nature of the work or education means that clear enunciation (ie speech) or visibility of their mouth is essential. This includes teachers, lecturers, broadcasters or call centre staff
- When a person is consuming food, drink or medicine
- In circumstances where removal of the mask is lawfully required for identification purposes

WHAT RESTRICTIONS ARE THERE IN PLACE FOR FOOD & DRINK SALES/CONSUMPTION?

All food and drink (including alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages) must be consumed while seated. This applies to both indoor and outdoor areas.

Snack food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages can be sold and purchased at the club canteen and bars. Where possible, cashless payments should be used to pay for food and drink

There is no shared or communal food permitted (such as buffets).

VENUES WITH NO GATES & MULTI SPORT

SANFL appreciates the additional challenges of venues without gates, as well as hosting other sports. SANFL recommends the following:

- Monitor numbers in attendance where possible
- Ensure those who are in attendance are following social distancing protocols and other required protocols
- Communicate in advance with key stakeholders who may be able to support messaging to local residents and other user groups such as Council, as well as the other sporting clubs on-site
- If concerned with spectator numbers, kindly ask people to leave the venue
 - Ensure that parents/caregivers of junior participants are able to remain
- If further concerns, contact SAPOL for support

SPECTATOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Staff and volunteers across SANFL and Community Football/Netball Clubs are working very hard to comply with changing COVIDSafe restrictions and best practice health advice. Your support in compliance is essential for the safety of your wider community.

Every attendee at football has a personal responsibility to abide by COVIDSafe practices

If the club has concerns over behaviour of spectators the should do the following:

- Kindly remind patron/s of their responsibilities in keeping others safe
- If continued non-compliance, ask the patron/s to leave the venue
- If further issue, contact SAPOL