



## POLICY STATEMENT

### COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

#### Purpose

This statement outlines Basketball SA's strategy with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic and the health, safety and wellbeing of our basketball community. This statement should be read in addition to any regulation or direction issued by the SA Government - <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/>

This statement has been developed to provide guidance to all South Australian basketball clubs and associations from a business and community perspective as we transition through a phase of reduced restrictions and controlled introduction of COVID-19 into the South Australian community.

This statement will be updated as the South Australian pandemic landscape changes and information and/or government directives change.

It is strongly recommended that all affiliated basketball clubs/associations and all community providers of basketball activities adopt this response within their jurisdictions.

The purpose of this statement is to reflect Basketball SA's commitment to keeping the basketball family safe and healthy and to comply with both local and federal government directives. Throughout the pandemic, Basketball SA aims to:

- maintain the provision of basketball services in South Australia despite the presence of COVID-19 in the community
- minimise the disruption to those services due to the spread of COVID-19
- reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 by basketball staff to vulnerable members of the community

#### Statement

##### **ASSESSMENT OF RISK**

Basketball SA has assessed the risk of the COVID-19 pandemic to our staff and basketball community.

The following factors have been considered:

- Is it reasonable to give basketball personnel a direction to be vaccinated, assessed on current circumstances
- Some participants and/or spectators are considered vulnerable
- Basketball activity is conducted in a public environment and is accessible to all communities
- There are members of the basketball community that are ineligible for vaccination
- Potential for wide geographic infection
- A range of personnel involved to deliver the sport have regular close contact with members of the community and the ability to mitigate contact is limited
- The contact period and number of contacts are extended for some roles (eg. stadium staff, officials, coaches, administrators)
- Modified working arrangements and working from home is not practical for stadium roles
- Service provision is dependent on the ongoing health and wellbeing of basketball personnel
- Basketball SA House of Basketball administration staff work in an open plan format with little ventilation and modified working arrangements and working from home is not practical long term to achieve the needs of the organisation

Basketball SA determines a high risk to the community and basketball operations in the event of a widespread community outbreak.

**CONTROL MEASURES**

Basketball SA will continue to monitor and adhere to all SA Government directives in relation to COVID-19 restrictions or directions. Control Measures will be based on:

- SA Government directives in relation to COVID-19 restrictions or directions as outlined in each venues COVID SAFE Plan  
*e.g. covid marshals, QR code check-in, maintain physical distancing, density requirements and wearing of masks.*
- Assessment of Risk dependent on level of community outbreak.

**Basketball SA strongly encourages all personnel involved in the delivery of basketball activities to be vaccinated against COVID-19, including participants and spectators.**

Additionally, Basketball SA puts the following control measures in place (based on the assessment of risk) to uphold our duty of care to staff and members:

*This table is subject to change based on the SA Health directives in place at any given time*

Assessment as at 28 Dec 2021 is <b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b> Increasing community transmission
<b>Vaccination against COVID-19</b>	Vaccination is requested for the following persons (unless medically exempt): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball SA Staff (Permanent &amp; Casual)</li> <li>• Referees</li> <li>• Officials engaged by Basketball SA (e.g. Referee Coaches, STOP Personnel)</li> </ul>
<b>Unvaccinated</b>	No restrictions. Basketball activity is conducted in a public environment and is accessible to all communities.  Basketball SA may impose restrictions on engagement where higher levels of vulnerable people will be present.
<b>Entry</b>	Entry into basketball venues is agreement to comply with all COVID-SAFE guidelines as outlined in each venues COVID SAFE Plan.  Any person who presents unwell at any basketball activity should be refused entry.  Any person engaged by Basketball SA with symptoms of COVID-19 is required to be tested and will not be allowed to return to work/activity until a negative covid result is sighted.
<b>Check-In</b>	A Check in Marshal should monitor compliance with COVIDSafe QR code check in and any capacity restrictions in place.
<b>Cleaning</b>	All surfaces and equipment cleaned in between games
<b>Communication</b>	Any person employed or engaged by Basketball SA must notify Basketball SA Operations Manager if they have been declared (or believe to be declared) a close contact or casual contact of a confirmed case as soon as possible.

	<p>Any person employed or engaged by Basketball SA who is considered in a vulnerable health category (regardless of vaccination status) must notify the Basketball SA Operations Manager as this information may affect actions in the event of an outbreak.</p> <p>In the event a member is contacted by SA Health, this information should be forwarded to Basketball SA Operations Manager for assessment.</p>
<b>Travel</b>	<p>Interstate travellers coming to South Australia basketball activities must comply with the SA Government's <a href="#">travel</a> requirements and any applicable quarantine measures.</p> <p>Persons within a Basketball SA State Program (eg. NBL1, NPP, SPP, EADP, Ivor Burge) must be aware of venue and interstate requirements that may apply in relation to vaccination and travel requirements.</p> <p>Vaccination is recommended for SA based participants traveling interstate or mixing with interstate athletes (eg. tournament setting) regardless of their own travel situation.</p>

*Please note: Non-Basketball SA managed venues (e.g. council or community) may have different requirements and members must comply with any requirements in place when at that venue.*

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

- Persons engaged by Basketball SA will be required to complete a vaccination survey by 30 November 2021.
- Information regarding vaccination status or other health records will be kept securely and confidentially by the Basketball SA Operations Manager
- Permanent staff will be entitled to personal leave while waiting for a negative test result when symptomatic.
- Working from home may be requested by permanent staff in instances where they are a close or casual contact required to isolate but are not showing symptoms.
- [Basketball SA COVID-19 Webpage](#) will provide members with current requirements.

#### **RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS**

Where Basketball SA becomes aware of a positive COVID-19 case in a basketball venue, the cleaning cycle of the location will be reviewed and cleaning arranged if this has not already occurred. Closure and reopening times will be communicated as soon as practical by the venue or competition providers if required. It is the competition providers discretion to attempt to reschedule games missed due to cleaning.

Basketball SA has engaged with authorities to clarify the expectations of Basketball SA, basketball clubs and associations and our legal responsibilities, which are to implement the approved Covid Safe Plans e.g. covid marshals, QR code check-in, maintain physical distancing, density requirements and wearing of masks.

Accordingly, SAPOL Covid-19 Coordination Group has confirmed that Basketball SA has no authority to deem anyone as a close contact, this falls under the authority of SA Health, not any individual or organisation.

In addition the SAPOL Covid-19 Coordination Group has confirmed there is no requirement for Basketball SA to collect or share information relating to positive Covid-19 cases.

Basketball SA provides a mechanism via the Basketball SA website for people to notify of positive Covid-19 cases who have participated in a basketball game. The notification will be shared with

impacted teams as a courtesy and a reminder for people to monitor for symptoms. No personal information about the positive case will be disclosed.

On the advice of SAPOL, Basketball SA will not make any determinations regarding close contacts or classroom contacts. Each individual should make their own assessment based on SA Health guidelines and their particular circumstances. Basketball SA will only expect action to be taken in instances where an individual is notified by SA Health to isolate/quarantine, or a venue is deemed by SA Health as an exposure site.

Basketball SA run competitions will apply the following guidelines:

- District competition – refer to the Information Paper – Effects of COVID on District games.
- NBL1 – information will be provided closer to the season commencement
- MSBL competition – any missed games may not be rescheduled and declared a cancelled game/bye.

There may be instances where multiple team members or whole teams are required to quarantine (as determined by SA Health) which may impact a team’s availability. Due to the unpredictable nature of such occurrences, Basketball SA will (in these circumstances):

- Consider waivers for team payments for forfeited games (evidence may be required)
- Endeavour to re-schedule rounds or adjust season fixtures on a case by case basis within reasonable timeframes e.g. 3 weeks
- Where more than 50% of teams in the same division or grade is affected, the associated round may be cancelled and no make-up games scheduled.

**POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES AND HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS**

Where a positive COVID-19 case occurs in a high-performance tournament setting, separate accommodation will be arranged to facilitate isolation requirements in line with the state or territory requirements where high-performance tournament is being hosted if required:

- Accommodation will first be sought at the same venue the team is staying and if no accommodation is available, the state or territory government or health guidelines will be followed in relation to isolation requirements e.g. state government provided accommodation.
- Where the positive covid-19 case is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian will be required to accompany their child in isolation.
- Where parents are not at the high-performance tournament, supervision will be provided by the high-performance team until the parent/guardian is able to attend.
  - it is expected that parents/guardians arrange to attend as soon as possible.
  - supervision can only be provided up to the original return date of travel.

**SUPPORT**

Should a person require support please contact a medical professional or make a confidential appointment with the BSA Operations Manager.

**Version Control**

Version	Date	Nature of Amendment	Update Author(s)
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1	19/11/21	New	Stakeholder Relations Manager and Operations Manager
2	29/12/21	Updates to align with COVID-19 restriction changes	Operations Manager
3	25/01/22	Updates covid management procedures	Operations Manager
4	24/02/22	Updates to management of positive covid-19 cases in the high-performance setting	Operations Manager