



## **COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY PLAN**

### **1. Purpose**

This plan has been developed to ensure Frankston & District Basketball Association (FDDBA) is compliant with COVID safety requirements set out by the Victorian Government.

The plan communicates the industry specific health, safety, and hygiene protocols to be implemented during FDDBA activities to ensure the safety of staff, volunteers and participants.

### **2. Planning Considerations**

This plan has been developed based on public health advice provided from the following organisations:

- Department of Health and Human Services
- Vicsport
- Basketball Victoria's Return to Play Guidelines

### **3. Hygiene**

Facilitating the practice of good personal hygiene is important to slowing the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

FDDBA will introduce the following measures to ensure all participants are maintaining personal hygiene:

- Appointment of Biosafety Officers at all facilities who will be responsible for all COVID safety protocol
- Biosafety Officers will complete DHHS endorsed Infection Control Training
- Signage installed throughout facilities detailing personal hygiene requirements

FDDBA will introduce the following measures to ensure personal hygiene and cleaning of facilities and equipment is maintained to minimise transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19):

- All laptops/basketballs/scoring equipment/benches are to be sanitised with TGA approved antibacterial and antiviral wipes
- Hand sanitiser stations are set up throughout the facility at major entry/exit points
- Hand sanitiser pump bottles will be provided at each court where competition/training is used
- Daily clean of all courts and venue locations

### **4. Physical contact activities**

Physical distancing decreases the risk of transmission by reducing incidence of contact with other persons through shaking hands, hugging or tackling. The Victorian Chief Health Officer's directions require that participants take reasonable steps to maintain 1.5 metres distance from all other people.

FDBA has implemented the following protocols and modifications to activities to ensure physical distancing is maintained:

- Spectators limitations of 20 per space subject to the 1.5m rule along with the general 4m<sup>2</sup> rule
- Outside of competitions, participants over the age of 18 will only be permitted individual half court access, mitigating the risk of potential COVID-19 transmission

## **5. Arrival and departure of participants, officials, parents or carers**

Physical distancing decreases the risk of transmission by reducing incidence of contact between people. The control of facilities and management of areas where people might gather will reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission.

FDBA has put the following measures in place for managing entry and exit points, separating assembly areas, adjustments to activity timings and maintaining physical distancing of people:

- Dedicated entry and exit points & marking at each venue
- A 20-minute minimum changeover period between activities to allow Biosafety Officer cleaning and sanitisation protocol
- Sign-in protocols for all participants to supply the following information via QR code scanners or manual sign in registers:
  - Date of entry
  - Arrival and departure time
  - Full name
  - Phone Number
  - Email

## **6. Spectators/gatherings**

Spectators, and other non-participants watching activities should not attend activities unless they have an essential role or they are parents and/or guardians required for supervisory duties. Public gathering limitations apply.

FDBA will introduce the following protocols to restrict access to athletes and maintain recommended physical distancing:

- Venue signage and markers will be placed 1.5m apart to allow all participants to social distance where required to do so
- Spectator admittance in strict compliance with Basketball Victoria's Return to Play Guidelines

## **7. Sharing equipment**

In combination with good hygiene practices, a similar pre-emptive measure is to promote behaviours such as not sharing drink bottles, towels, and limiting the shared use of equipment. Equipment that touches the head of face or cannot be effectively cleaned (for example, if made from soft materials or clothing) should not be shared. Where sharing equipment cannot be avoided, equipment with smooth surfaces should be cleaned between sessions.

FDBA will make the following modifications to ensure there is no transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) through the sharing of equipment, contact with equipment and/or contact with any surfaces where participants may be at risk of infection:

- All shared equipment is to be sanitised via the nominated Biosafety Officer prior and after use
- Participants required to bring their own drink bottles with no re-fills permitted
- Restrictions on basketballs brought into venues per activity

## **8. Group/team activity**

FDBA activities will comply with the directions of the Victorian Chief Health Officer including:

- Limits on gatherings at facilities
- Social distancing measures

## **9. Indoor physical recreation facilities**

Activities reintroduced to indoor stadiums, gyms, fitness centres or health clubs need to be done so in a cautious and methodical manner. The principles of physical distancing, personal hygiene measures, cleaning equipment and implementing the density ratio of one person per four square metres still apply.

FDBA will control access to facilities to ensure separation of 20 people per enclosed space and up to 10 people per group/activity through the following measures:

- 60-minute schedule per 40 minute competition match to allow for participants to leave and enter venues separately
- Mandatory 20 minute minimum changeover period for all activities
- Sign-in protocols for all participants including arrival time and departure of venue
- Maximum of 20 people per court space which is defined as one full size basketball court (note – Coaches, officials, Team Managers, and Scorers are in addition to the 20 players per court)

All persons not participating in physical activity must ensure they are wearing a face mask.

## **10. Outdoor physical recreation facilities**

Activities reintroduced to outdoor physical recreation facilities must abide by the restrictions that are set out by the Department of Health and Human Services. The principles of physical distancing, personal hygiene measures, cleaning equipment apply.

FDBA will control access to facilities and ensure compliance with government restrictions through the following measures:

- One non-interchangeable parent or carer per child permitted to attend activity if they are supervising children or supporting players with additional needs, while maintaining gathering limits of up to ten people
- Mandatory 20-minute minimum changeover period for all activities
- Sign-in protocols for all participants and spectators including arrival time and departure of venue
- Maximum of 20 people per court space which is defined as one full size basketball court (note – Coaches, officials, Team Managers, and Scorers are in addition to the 20 players per court)

All persons not participating in physical activity must ensure they are wearing a face mask.

## **11. High injury risk activity**

To reduce the strain on Victoria's health and emergency services, common sense should be used in avoiding activities that have a high risk of injury that may result in hospitalisation.

Under Basketball Victoria policy basketball is considered a low risk injury sport. FDBA staff and participants are required to adhere to the Associations first aid policy which includes the provision of first aid equipment. An ambulance is only called for serious injuries at the request of the participant, parent/guardian or authorised staff member.

## **12. Protocols**

FDBA will implement the following protocols to check if participants are free of coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms:

- Visual risk assessment of symptoms by nominated Biosafety Officers
- Biosafety Officers required to complete DHHS endorsed Infection Control Training

FDBA will implement the following protocols for people who present to training or competition with symptoms consistent with coronavirus (COVID-19) (fever or respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore throat and shortness of breath):

- If a participant shows symptoms of COVID-19 the department of health COVID-19 public hotline will be notified and advice from health officials will be followed
- The participant will be isolated, and others advised to maintain social distancing measures
- Seek advice from the person and assess the risks
- Clean and disinfect all operational areas
- Contact tracing through attendance records

FDBA will implement the following protocols when notified that a participant who attended training or competition has subsequently returned a positive test for COVID-19:

- Department of Health National Coronavirus Hotline notified
- All relevant participants and stakeholders notified of department advice via attendance records

## **13. Communication**

Communicating coronavirus (COVID-19) risk mitigation strategies to participants is vital. Setting and promoting expectations for required behaviours prior to recommencing activities will be crucial to ensuring activities remain safe for all participants.

FDBA will coordinate and communicate changes to the directions to affiliated clubs, members and stakeholders via:

- Email
- Website/Social Media
- Telephone Calls
- Zoom Online Meetings/Webinars
- Facility Signage/Markings
- Verbal direction from Biosafety Officers

## **14. Non-Compliance**

Participants who fail to follow reasonable direction from Biosafety Officers, FDBA staff or match officials may incur the following disciplinary action at the discretion of the FDBA management team:

- Venue Ejection
- Formal Warning
- Suspension
- Referral to Tribunal