

Update re COVID-19

23rd March 2020

As the escalation of the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) situation continues rapidly, Croquet SA reassures our members that developments are being constantly monitored with regards to the impact it may have on our croquet community.

Following recent advice (see below) issued by the Federal and State governments the Board has decided that the suspension of all Croquet SA activities will continue at least until May 31st 2020. This includes all scheduled AC and GC competitions, pennants, squad/team training sessions, face to face meetings and workshops.

Latest information from the State Government:

The Premier has declared a "State of Emergency" for SA. Number of people diagnosed with Covid-19 has doubled in the last 2 days. First cases of Covid-19 have been detected in regional SA. SA's borders will close from 4-00pm on Tuesday 24th March. Residents returning will now be required to self-isolate for 14 days, with possible penalties imposed for failing to do so.

Latest information from the Federal Government:

The Prime Minister introduces more draconian measures as people continue to ignore social distancing directives. Pubs, LICENSED CLUBS and hotels (excluding accommodation), places of worship, gyms, indoor sporting venues, cinemas, casinos to close from midday Monday, March 23. Non essential religious gatherings, or funerals (in enclosed spaces and other than very small groups and where the 1 person per 4 square metre rule applies) are also banned. Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway only. Essential services

which includes schools and supermarkets can remain open. It could be 6 months or more before the Covid-19 pandemic situation abates.

Advice to Clubs:

Croquet SA urges all clubs who have events scheduled in the near future to postpone/ cancel them. Croquet SA recommends that all Clubs consider the effect the COVID-19 virus may have on their membership and urgently consider whether all Club activities must be curtailed in line with Croquet SA. Remember that most players fall into the “Vulnerable/High Risk” category as defined by the Australian Health Department and Clubs, like Croquet SA, have a Duty of Care to members. Continuous cleaning of touched surfaces (door handles, benches, balls, hoops etc.) at your club and provision of adequate hand sanitizers is mandatory. To help stop the spread of coronavirus, stay 1.5 metres away from others, wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face and if sick, stay home. Remember that any member may unknowingly be carrying the virus, and the risk to others must be reduced as much as possible to prevent spread.

Croquet SA advises all members to continue to:

Practice high levels of hygiene health (washing hands often with soap and water, use of sanitizer) which are widely considered by health experts to be key to disease prevention and management. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow. Dispose of tissues promptly and properly. Avoid physical contact (shaking hands). Practice social distancing by keeping 1.5 m between yourself and others. Avoid crowds. Avoid unnecessary risks by staying home as much as possible and only go out when really necessary. Stay active and maintain a positive outlook.

Please take all precautions to avoid the spreading of this virus and seek medical advice if you are concerned about your health and wellbeing. If in any doubt, please err on the side of caution.

I thank everyone for playing your part to reduce the spread of this virus and assure everyone that Croquet SA will continue to provide information as it comes to hand.

For and on behalf of the Board

President

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