



**CAPITAL
FOOTBALL**

COVID SAFE PLAN

FINAL SERIES

DEAKIN STADIUM

VERSION CONTROL

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Covid Safe Plan is to provide clubs with information and guidelines for the upcoming final series for the following competitions;

- ▶ NPLW (Reserves and 1st Grade)
- ▶ NPL1 (U23 and 1st Grade).

This Plan focuses on physical distancing, personal and respiratory hygiene and managing gatherings while at finals matches.

RESOURCES

The Capital Football website has a COVID-19 resources page which can be found [here](#). This webpage has up to date information for clubs and members of the Capital Football community.

For further information about COVID-19 please visit the below resources;

GOVERNMENT

- [Australian Government information and resources](#)
- [ACT Government COVID-19 information and resources](#)
- [NSW Government COVID-19 information and resources](#)
- [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport](#)
- [National Principles for the resumption of sport and recreation activity](#)
- [NSW Government – Public Health Order \(no 2\) Local Government FAQ](#)
- [ACT Government Food Safety Regulations](#)
- [NSW Governments Food Authority.](#)

DOWNLOADS

- [COVIDSafe app](#)



To further aid the fight against COVID-19, Capital Football supports the Australian Government's COVIDSafe app and strongly encourage all members of the football community to get behind this initiative.

The app can be downloaded from the Apple App store and Google Play

ATTENDING FINAL SERIES

Participants and spectators should not attend training or matches, if in the past 14 days they have:

- ▶ Felt unwell
- ▶ Had any flu-like symptoms
- ▶ Travelled internationally
- ▶ Travelled into Victoria
- ▶ Travelled to any of the reported case locations listed on the [NSW Health website](#)
- ▶ Been exposed to a person with COVID-19
- ▶ Been tested for COVID-19 and have not yet received the results ([please see COVID-19 Protocol](#))
- ▶ Have a medical condition or are at an age that puts them in a high-risk category.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

HYGIENE

- ▶ Professional cleaners will clean the toilets and high touch points every 2 hours
- ▶ Provide hand washing guidance, including access to water, soap and hand sanitiser
- ▶ Provide hand sanitising stations at the entry to the venue and at high touch point areas such as the canteen, changerooms and toilets
- ▶ Encourage people to bring hand sanitiser
- ▶ Promote regular and thorough hand washing
- ▶ Manage sharing of pens and clipboards by provided cleaning wipes
- ▶ Discourage sharing of personal drink bottles, and promote that bottles are clearly labelled
- ▶ Ensure bins are provided around the venue.

BEHAVIOUR

- ▶ If unwell, do not attend the venue
- ▶ Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when you cough or sneeze
- ▶ If using tissues, place them directly in the bins provided
- ▶ Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- ▶ No spitting at any time
- ▶ Cease face to face social activities (e.g. VIP functions, presentation functions).

TRAVEL

- ▶ Avoid carpooling or bus travel with people from different household groups where possible
- ▶ Cease any activities that result in overnight stays.

WHAT IS PERMITTED DURING FINAL SERIES

The following is permitted at the venue and during match play;

- ▶ Full competitive matches are permitted within the normal Laws of the Game
- ▶ Players should come ready to play
- ▶ Social activities following games are discouraged
- ▶ A maximum of 200 spectators per match. This excludes staff and participants
- ▶ Promote physical distancing of 1.5 metres between individuals
- ▶ One person per 4 square metres in both indoor and outdoor spaces
- ▶ Canteens and BBQ's are permitted in line with relevant government requirements.

WHAT IS NOT PERMITTED DURING FINAL SERIES

- ▶ Changerooms for teams to access (note they will be open for use by match officials and medical staff)
- ▶ Formal walk-ons by the teams and referees
- ▶ Handshakes before and after the match
- ▶ Team photos before and after the match
- ▶ Other pre-match formalities (i.e. gathering at half-way or the centre circle for a moments silence)
- ▶ Team huddles and high fives (including team songs)
- ▶ Multi-player goal celebrations
- ▶ Spitting
- ▶ Sharing of equipment including drink bottles, towels, shin pads and bibs.

Do not attend matches if you exhibit any of these symptoms



Fever



Cough



Fatigue



Sore throat



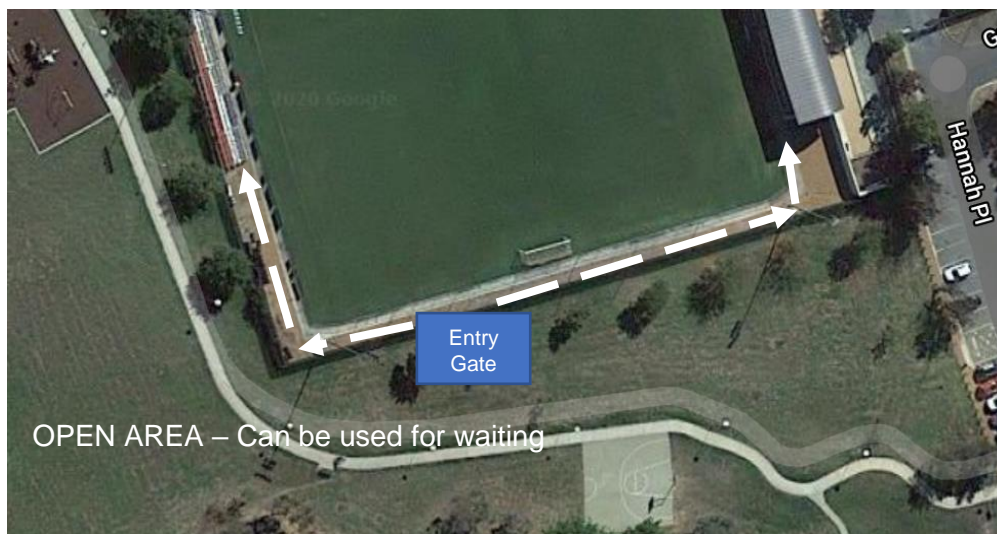
Shortness of breath

ENTRY TO VENUE

Players, team officials, match officials and spectators will need to enter the venue as shown on the below map. Entry pathways have been indicated to limit the risk of separate groups of people converging in one place and to manage congestion.

In the event a match runs into extra time attendees waiting to gain entry will be asked to wait in the area marked 'OPEN AREA' on the map until permitted to enter the venue.

Players and match officials for the proceeding matches will be permitted to enter the venue one hour prior to kick off for their match. Spectators will not be allowed to enter the venue until 30 mins prior to the match that is named on their ticket.



EXIT FROM VENUE

The ground announced will inform spectators they are to leave the venue at the conclusion of the match. Capital Football will have security at the venue to assist with the removal of people.

With matches scheduled to finish one and half hours prior to the kick off of the following match (where a match finishes in normal time) there is a one hour bracket to enable Capital Football to clear the stadium of spectators prior to the next group arriving.

Exit pathways have been indicated to limit the risk of separate groups of people converging in one place and to manage congestion.



SEATING AND SPECTATORS

100 tickets will be provided to each team for their spectators per match. An additional 50 individuals will also be participating in the match and 50 staff taking the total number of attendees to no more than 300 at any one time. Only spectators with a ticket will be permitted entry to the match.

Tickets will be collected and marked off as people enter the venue.

Deakin Stadium does not have numbered seating or turn-stiles to manage access to seating areas. Deakin Stadium consists of a covered grandstand with 672 seats and open bleachers capable of seating 168 people (total capacity 840). With spectators limited to 200 people per match, spectator areas will not exceed 25% capacity.

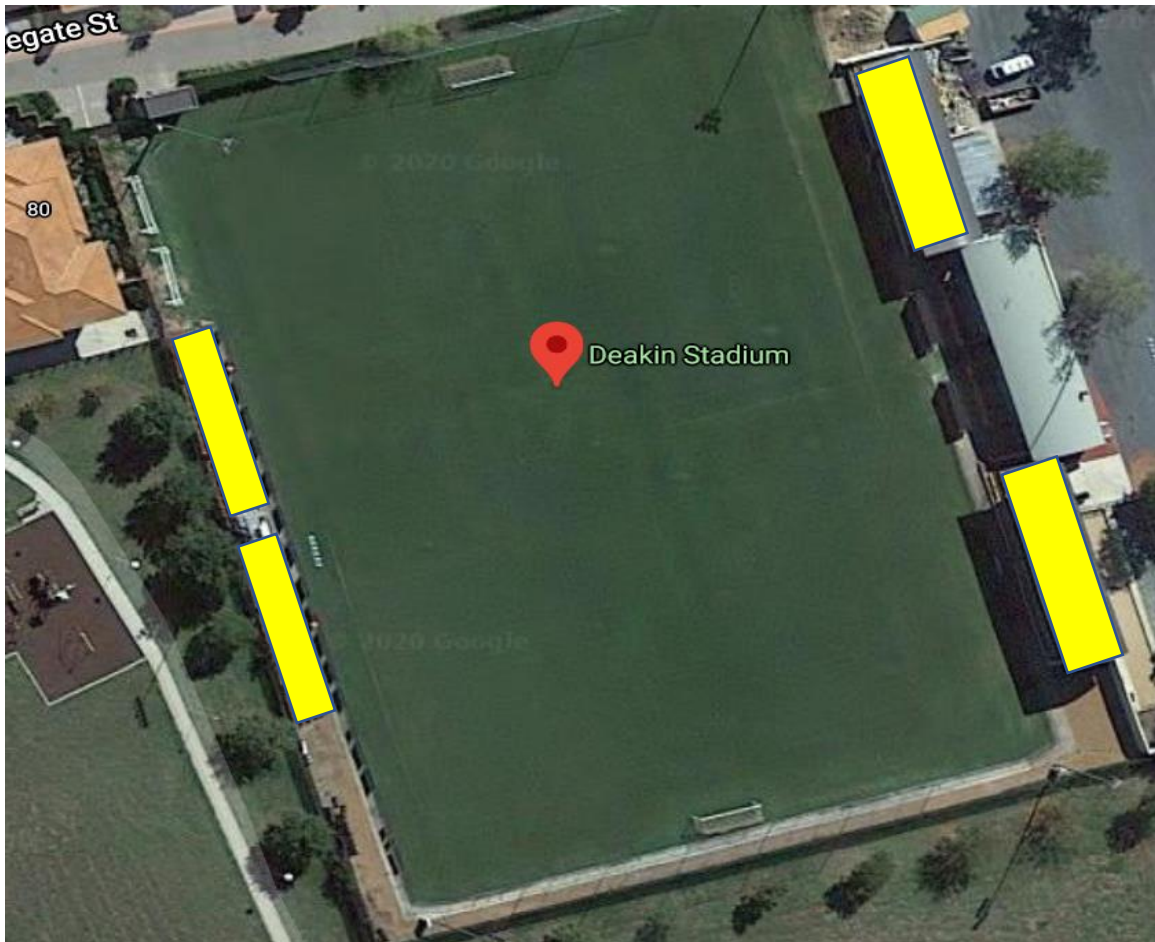
Capital Football will make people aware of the need to physical distance by making announcements over the PA system.

Signage will be erected at the point of entry and next to the stadium seating encouraging people to physically distance.

Spectators will be asked to leave the venue by the ground announcer at the conclusion of each match.

The map below identifies specified spectator seating areas.

***Please note With 3 hours between scheduled matches, and with matches ending at the conclusion of normal time, the 1 and 1/2 hour wait for the next game will help us, as we don't anticipate people will want to remain at the venue for that period of time waiting for the next game. We note this aspect will be less helpful to clearing the venue if matches go into extra time or penalties.*



ATTENDANCE RECORDS AT VENUE

To avoid congestion at the entry point, clubs are being asked to record the names of people to whom they provide a ticket per match.

CHANGEROOMS

For as long as there is a limitation on the number of people allowed per square metre indoor spaces and changerooms cannot be used for;

- ▶ Teams to prepare for a match
- ▶ Coaches to discuss tactics among themselves
- ▶ Coaches to address players pre-match, at half-time, or post-match

Change rooms can be used for;

- ▶ Use by referees, only for the number of people permitted on the signage displayed outside the changeroom
- ▶ Use for medical services and support, only for the number of people permitted on the signage displayed outside the changeroom.

AMENITIES

Toilets will be open for use.

Capital Football have engaged professional cleaners to clean toilets and high touch areas at the venue at 2-hour intervals across the day.

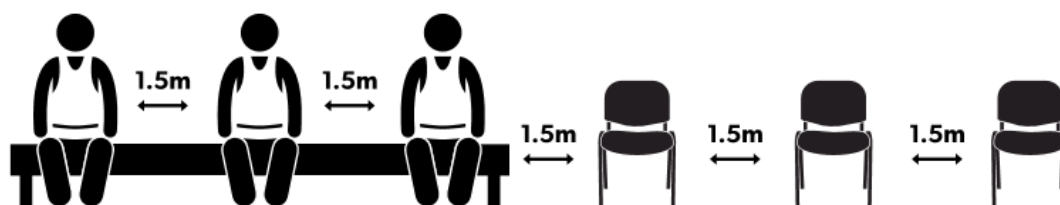
CANTEENS

Final Series matches will have Canteens running. The following protocols will take place:

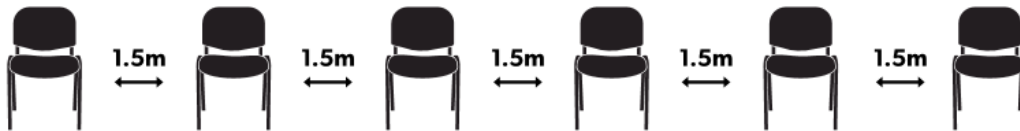
- ▶ Queuing controls to maintain physical distancing will be implemented
- ▶ Appropriate food and beverage handling arrangements will take place
- ▶ Appropriate cash handling arrangements and if possible, EFTPOS will be available
- ▶ Consideration of lower risk food options (i.e. food that require less direct food handling/contact)
- ▶ Hygiene measures including sanitiser will be implemented
- ▶ Alcohol will not be served at the venue
- ▶ Capital Football have engaged professional cleaners to attend to clean high touch areas around the canteen at 2-hour intervals across the day.

ORGANISATION OF TEAM BENCHES

Where team benches are permanent (fixed), limit the number of seats to ensure 1.5 metres between team officials and substitutes. If necessary, provide additional seats to extend the length of the bench.



Where team benches are made up of plastic/other moveable chairs, position these so that they are at least 1.5 metres apart. Ensure these chairs remain at the required distance apart and between matches.



Where there are no benches or chairs available, players and team officials must adhere to the 1.5 metre physical distancing requirements.

Players on the bench are to be allocated their own bib and at the conclusion of the match they are to take the bib home and wash it.

Benches will be wiped down at the end of each match to ensure that they are clean for the next teams to utilise.

COMMUNICATION

Over the course of the Final Series Capital Football will provide regular communication with Clubs. Clubs play an important role in ensuring messages from Capital Football are forwarded to their members and spectators. This will ensure that clear messages guidance is provided to participants and stakeholders across a range of communication channels. Capital Football will;

- ▶ Capital Football will make constant announcements over the PA system to remind them to physical distance
- ▶ Deliver clear messaging across the all-digital platforms (i.e. websites and/or social media)
- ▶ Remind and encourage participants to maintain good hygiene behaviours to reduce risk of transmission
- ▶ Display posters about COVID-19 at appropriate spots at the venue
- ▶ Advise players, coaches, match officials and spectators not to attend matches if unwell, if they have travelled overseas, into NSW and VIC hotspots, if they have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the preceding 14 days or they are an 'at risk' due to their age or a medical condition.

Signage that will be displayed throughout the day is as follows;

- ▶ Keep your distance
- ▶ Stay 1.5 metres apart
- ▶ Maintain physical distancing
- ▶ Please wash your hands
- ▶ Don't forget to sanitise.

ANNEXURE A – VENUE MAPS

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