

# BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS COVID SAFE PLAN

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB (Previously Brunswick Zebras)

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## COVID-19 COMMITMENT STATEMENT

As a Community Club, we are fully committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for members of our club (volunteers, players, personnel, families, spectators) and the wider community and are committed to implementing practices in line with guidance available from Sport Australia, Football Federation Australia, Football Victoria, our local council, the Victorian State Government and other relevant authorities applicable to Brunswick Juventus.

We also acknowledge the directions imposed by the Victorian State Government will be followed as we undertake football activities during the remainder of 2020 and into 2021, and we commit to adhering to the latest advice from Football Victoria and the Victorian State Government in this regard.

It is important to Brunswick Juventus to lead and promote a strong culture of COVID-19 safety for the health and wellbeing of participants and the broader community.

**The number of members in any one group at one time is limited to 10. Members of the public at the premises must remain seated except when ordering food or drink, using toilets or entering and leaving the facility.**

## 1. ENSURE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We will ensure participants, coaches, club personnel, parents, permitted spectators, etc. are 1.5 metres apart as much as possible.

**At this stage, spectators are not permitted (excluding people necessary for events such as teachers, instructors, trainers, coaches, referees, carers, parents and guardians and must abide by gathering restrictions and face mask requirements.**

**All attendees MUST check in using the venue's Victorian Government QR Codes.**

This will be done in the following ways:

- Displaying signs to show patron limits at the entrance of enclosed areas where limits apply (e.g. canteen or changerooms)
- Limit the number of participants to the minimum required to play (i.e. limit training to usual age group squad size)
- Zone training areas to limit intermingling between training groups
- Stagger training start times, leaving 15 minutes between training sessions
- Limit use of seats and toilet or changing cubicles at facility to every second seat/cubicle
- Discourage carpooling



- Use floor markings to indicate appropriate physical distancing
- Signpost entry and exit points to limit congregation at the start and end of training
- Conduct meetings or individual fitness sessions from home, where possible
- Modify activities to optimise ability to maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing, including by separating groups as much as possible
- Allocate different doors/gates for entry and exit, noting that the canteens at both Sumner and Balfe Parks have only one entry. Customers at Balfe will be served through the window ONLY with no entrance to the canteen.
- Use an entry and exit system to the venue/facility that is as contactless as possible and quick to enter and exit
- Identify designated drop off areas
- Establish contactless delivery and display signage for delivery drivers. This may be relevant if your club has canteen or café deliveries

To ensure physical distancing, our club will:

- Ensure that all players/coaches/families are reminded of the safe distancing requirements and minimise the numbers at the club at any one time in line with current requirements.

Brunswick Juventus Juniors has the following outdoor spaces:

- Soccer pitches at both Balfe and Sumner Parks along with space around the grounds. At Sumner, there is an outdoor pavilion area (size to be advised after renovations). Balfe also has a limited outdoor area outside the changerooms/canteen.
- The **outside** density quotient applies at all grounds:
  - Sumner
  - Balfe
  - Western Oval
  - Ryder Oval

Our club/association has the following indoor spaces:

- **Sumner** – canteen/clubrooms – 105 sqm – density quotient - 50 people inside as per DHHS guidance
- **Sumner** – existing changerooms x 2 [as at June 2021] 22.5 sqm – density quotient - 11 people inside as per DHHS guidance
- **Balfe** – canteen – 9 sqm – density quotient - 3 people inside as per DHHS guidance
- **Balfe** – changerooms x 2 - 25 sqm (+ toilets) – density quotient - 10 people inside as per DHHS guidance
- **Fixed seated spaces in indoor and outdoor sporting facilities cannot be used. This does not include substitution benches.**
- **Non-seated spaces in indoor sporting facilities can be used with a density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm and within the overall venue cap of no more than 100.**



- Non-seated spaces in outdoor sporting facilities can be used with a density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm and within the overall venue cap of no more than 300.

We will provide/require the following training and guidance to our personnel/volunteers:

- Posters at our venues, nominating our COVID Safety Officers who will be asked to complete the free Australian Government online COVID-19 Infection Control Training, directing organisers and volunteers not to carpool and advice in our Team Managers and Coaches handbook, as well as regular email/WhatsApp contact.

We acknowledge that community sport is **restricted**. Therefore, our club will, in accordance with State Government requirements:

- Reduce participant, volunteer and organiser levels in accordance with industry directions.
- Limit number of patrons in accordance with Chief Health Officer directions
- Have no carpooling

## 2. WEAR A FACE MASK

As required by current public health advice, masks both **indoors and outdoors** will be mandatory at Brunswick Juventus facilities for all participants over the age of 12 unless they have a lawful reason for not doing so, noting that masks are not required during sport.

- Provide information to participants around washing reusable masks each day, and changing disposable masks at least once per day

To ensure all participants over the age of 12 wear a face mask **when required**, our club/association will remind our members through social media, emails, WhatsApp groups, signage, etc.:

## 3. PRACTISE GOOD HYGIENE

The following hygiene measures will be prioritised by our Club:

- Ensuring that cleaning products and disinfectants are accessible to participants and personnel
- Monitor supplies of cleaning products and regularly restock
- Venue/facility cleaning and disinfecting on a frequent and scheduled basis, ensuring particular frequency for high touch surfaces and bathrooms/change rooms
- Developing a cleaning/disinfecting schedule for high touch surfaces at the venue as well as for equipment
- Ensuring that one or more personnel from our club will undertake infection control training (available free online)
- Display a cleaning log in shared spaces such as toilets



- Ensure that hand soap and sanitiser dispensers are regularly refilled and always available for participants and personnel
- Ensure rubbish bins are available to dispose of paper towels
- Display posters on good hygiene and handwashing practises in prominent places and establish hygiene stations at entrances and throughout the venue/facility to encourage good hand hygiene
- Require attendees to sanitise their hands upon arrival at and departure from the venue/facility utilising the sanitising stations.

#### 4. KEEP RECORDS AND ACT QUICKLY IF WORKERS BECOME UNWELL

All staff for Brunswick Juventus will be provided with a copy of our response plan, as part of this COVIDSafe Plan, ready for the possibility of a person with COVID-19 at their premises.

We will ensure that an attendance register for every person that attends for a period of more than 15 minutes (including participants, personnel, parents and other permitted spectators) is available to all via a **QR** code that has been established which is kept for at least 28 days and regularly reviewed by the State Government. All coaches and team managers will be provided with QR Codes for each ground, and asked to ensure that all participants complete it.

If a worker participant or volunteer who is a confirmed case of COVID-19 has attended our venue/facility while they are infectious, we will follow this response plan, considering the [DHHS Workplace guidance for managing suspected and confirmed cases](#), which has minimum requirements for this response plan, including:

- a. Undertake a risk assessment
- b. Contact DHHS and Worksafe
- c. Determine hot spots
- d. Clean the premises

If a worker, participant or volunteer who is a confirmed case of COVID-19 attends our venue/facility while they are infectious, our response plan is:

- Respond to a participant, volunteer or organiser after being notified by health authorities when there is a positive case who attended our facilities via phone calls, Text Messages, WhatsApp, and email and advise them NOT to attend our facilities until they have received a negative covid response and quarantined for the appropriate period.
- We will ask our participants to advise us of all close contacts so that we can forward this information to the DHHS.
- We will notify the DHHS that we have a positive case on the 24-hour hotline 1800 675 398
- Cleaning of all relevant facilities will take place by staff wearing appropriate ppe.
- We will advise DHHS of all actions taken as advised.
- WorkSafe Victoria will be notified on 132360 if there is a positive case



- All Brunswick Juventus Junior coaches, team managers, participants and volunteers will be advised through Facebook, our website, and email of the need to close our venues if instructed by DHHS.
- The committee will advise when we can re-open our facility once agreed by DHHS and notify participants, volunteers and organisers they can return to the venue/facility

We acknowledge that community sport is **restricted**. Therefore, Brunswick Juventus Juniors will, in accordance with State Government requirements:

- Ask participants, volunteers and organisers to declare verbally before each session that they are free of symptoms, have not been in contact with a confirmed case and have not been directed to isolate.

## 5. AVOID INTERACTIONS IN ENCLOSED SPACES

In Victoria, employers have OHS duties and obligations to do what is reasonably practical to provide a working environment that is safe and without risks to the health of workers or other visitors/participants.

As part of creating a safe working environment that addresses risks associated with potential exposure to coronavirus (COVID-19), venues and facilities should have a plan in place to minimise the number of interactions conducted in enclosed spaces (e.g. bathrooms, changerooms and clubhouses) and maximise ventilation, air quality and use of outdoor spaces.

Where the use of indoor spaces is required (for example entrances and bathrooms) venues/facilities should have a plan to minimise the number of interactions conducted and maximise ventilation, air quality and use of outdoor spaces.

To assist in this principle, we will do the following:

- Where workers and participants are required to be indoors, windows and outside doors will be open where possible to maximise ventilation
- Limit interactions indoors wherever possible, minimizing the time people need to go into the buildings
- We will allow more time for changing, asking players to come to the ground in their playing gear wherever possible, and stagger change times where practicable
- We will endeavour to limit use of toilet facilities
- Restrict and control access to shower facilities

## 6. CREATE WORKFORCE BUBBLES

'Workforce bubbles' help reduce the risk of infection and support contact tracing initiatives. A 'workforce bubble' in the football context is a defined group – coaching staff, necessary health/training staff, participants – who limit their in-person interactions to other members of the group.



This reduces the number of individuals that each person comes into contact with, rather than the number of interactions. This would contain any positive COVID-19 cases to a confined group within your club/association.

Brunswick Juventus Juniors will create a 'bubble' by:

- Limit training sessions to one squad or team and the minimum staff required for coaching
- Follow rules around limiting spectators to one per participant, and only where parental supervision is required, or where care is required for a participant with additional needs
- Use clearly marked training zones to maintain consistent training groups
- Minimise any player movement between teams or squads
- Stagger training sessions so that different teams arrive at different times to reduce interaction between groups
- Advise participants and personnel not to carpool to training/matches
- Limit shared equipment to one training group
- Clean shared equipment between sessions or if it is to be used/rotated to another training group
- Communicate to volunteers and organisers that they should limit or cease work across multiple sites through the Team Manager and Coach handbook, WhatsApp, emails, etc.
- Designate areas within the venue for each group to store equipment and belongings (bags, balls, bibs, etc.). Wherever possible, we ask that the teams are responsible for the storage of their own equipment.
- Encourage participants volunteers and organisers to minimise time in shared facilities when taking breaks/between games/sessions
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