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Dear Downs Rugby Community,

With Stage 3 commencing at 12:00pm the best advice we currently have from QSport and the Queensland Rugby Union is at this link: <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions>

It clearly states:

- *“COVID Safe Industry Plans (i.e. Field Team Sports Industry COVID SAFE Plan, approved by the Chief Health Officer on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020) continues to apply with revisions to reflect changes in Stage 3. COVID Safe Checklists continue to apply.”*
- *Sport, recreation and fitness organisations when following a COVID Safe Industry Plan:*
  - *resumption of activity including competition and physical contact is permitted on the field of play*
  - *outdoor sports facilities can open with physical distancing (off the field of play).*

The Industry Plan when updated will be published at this link by the government:

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions/sport/industry-plans>

Please see below the set of principles that are stated in the Field Team Sports Industry COVID SAFE Plan. This should help get your planning started:

- **Contact**

Full contact is permitted on the Field of Play similar to pre-COVID contact activities. At all other times, participants, coaches, officials, trainers and spectators are to observe social distancing requirements and undertake sound hygiene practices (i.e. sanitations) as detailed in the relevant approved Industry COVID Safe Plan.
- **Facility capacity**

The total number of people to attend training, competition and events is to be based on the social distancing standard of one person per four-square metres. Group segmentation and buffer zones will be used to limit co-mingling. Risks will also be managed through mandatory record keeping, which could include the use of technology (e.g. movement tracking apps, ticket purchasing).
- **Facility usage**

All elements of community sport, recreation and fitness facilities to be accessible in line with relevant health guidelines and directives. Including revenue generation activities (i.e. canteens) to resume and use of all facilities required for training and competition (change rooms).



- **Events**  
Activities are to resume including championships, markets, carnivals and gala days. The total number of people allowed to attend an event will be based on the social distancing standard of one person per four-square metres. Whole of Government event principles are to be applied in addition to measures to reduce co-mingling between groups.
- **Stadia**  
Crowds to return to stadia with strict social distancing measures and hygiene practices remaining central to COVID Safe Plans for stadia, in line with Public Health Directives. Crowd capacity will be limited and based on the social distancing standard of one person per four-square metres. Group segmentation and buffering measures will be used to reduce co-mingling.
- **Industry COVID Safe Plans**  
All activity is to be conducted in accordance with relevant Industry and Stadia COVID Safe Plans and Public Health Directives. This includes organisations detailing how all persons at the activity/facility will be tracked, and traced, including spectators

Also, the link to the Checklist to complete to get canteens and bars reopened is here:

[COVID-Safe Checklist for dining at Restaurants, Cafes, Pubs, Clubs, RSL clubs and Hotels.](#)

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Yours in Rugby,

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