



19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Downs Rugby Community,

Please note the below important COVID-19 Update from the Department of Sport and Recreation.

There is no longer a requirement for outdoor activities to abide by an Industry Plan. This means that your outdoor training sessions and matches are no longer required to abide by the Field Sports Industry Plan.

Rugby Union organisations and activities must continue to collect contact information, promote physical distancing and ensure enhanced cleaning processes are in place.

It's also important to note that any indoor spaces that are used as part of delivering outdoor activities, such as clubhouses, canteens etc are still required to follow occupant density requirements (e.g. one person per 2 square metres) relevant to that space. For example, a clubhouse at local outdoor sporting field must comply with occupant density requirements, keeping contact information, allowing for physical distancing to the extent possible and adhering to the public health controls including cleaning and disinfection and promoting best practice health and hygiene measures.

While face masks are no longer mandatory, you are encouraged to continue to wear a mask in any indoor or outdoor space when physical distancing is not possible.

As a result of the changes, the Field Sports Industry Plan will be reviewed. Sport and Recreation will amend the current COVID Safe Industry Plans where necessary, and submit to Queensland Health for approval and publishing. Until such time, the [Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction](#) (the Direction) will take precedence over the Industry Plan.

The measures detailed in the Field Sports Industry Plan have become a part of our day-to-day routine, so we should continue to promote these messages, even if your organisation is no longer required to follow an Industry Plan. As a reminder this includes:

- promoting physical distancing
- promotion of good hand and respiratory hygiene
- continued collection of contact tracing information digitally
- regular cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and equipment.

Please pass this information onto all of your members.

Please call me on 0431 124 236 or e-mail: [matthew.hammond@downsrugby.com.au](mailto:matthew.hammond@downsrugby.com.au) with any queries.

Yours in Rugby,

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