



## **COVID-19 UPDATE STATEWIDE POSITION FROM 11.59pm 8 NOVEMBER 2020**

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- **There are no restrictions on reasons to leave home.**
- **Intrastate travel is permitted.**
- **CovidSafe plans are required for organised equestrian activities.**

### **WHAT IS A COVIDSAFE PLAN?**

A CovidSafe Plan is a risk management plan which addresses areas of risk related to Covid-19. The 6 CovidSafe principles, any current government restrictions and/or directives from your parent body must be applied to all areas of the activity or event.

### **WHEN IS A COVID SAFE PLAN REQUIRED?**

A CovidSafe Plan is required for all organised equestrian activities or when venues are used for ad hoc training or recreation.

### **GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS | APPLICATION IN EQUESTRIAN SECTOR**

- Non-contact exercise, training and competition for adults is allowed subject to restrictions below.
- Non-contact and contact exercise, training and competition for riders 18 years and under subject to restrictions below.
- You may exercise or train in groups of up to 10 people as long as 1.5m distance can be maintained from others.
- Coaching may involve a group of up to ten people plus the coach.
- Outdoor rallies and clinics may involve groups of up to ten people plus coach/s and personnel required to run the activity.
- Indoor arenas – exercise, training and coaching can resume with up to 10 people per indoor space and a limit of 20 people per facility. Equipment must be cleaned between uses. Exercise must be non-contact.

- **Indoor non-contact competition** can resume for **those aged 18 years and under**. Indoor competition can resume with up to 10 people per indoor space and a limit of 20 people per facility. Indoor sport is limited to the minimum number of people required to play the sport. Equipment must be cleaned between uses.
- Outdoor competitions may be held with numbers limited by venue size/ social distancing requirements. No spectators. Essential support persons and event officials only. Non-contact sport only for adults. Avoid gathering. Events involving grouping of riders (e.g. show classes) no more than 10 in a group.
- Spectators are allowed if they are supervising children or if needed as support persons for persons with additional needs.
- Outdoor sport facilities including club grounds and equestrian centres can open if:
  - people can exercise outside
  - equipment is cleaned and disinfected between users
  - no indoor facilities (except communal change rooms, showers and toilets) are used
  - people can keep at least 1.5m distance between each other
  - groups are limited to 10 people.
- If you are out of breath or huffing and puffing while exercising then you can take off your mask. You must carry a face mask on you and wear it when you finish exercising. If you are over the age of 18, all exercise must be non-contact.

## CURRENT EQUESTRIAN BODY DIRECTIVES

### RALLIES AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Review your CovidSafe plan.
- Check with venue owners/managers regarding venue specific requirements
- Rallies and organised club activities may be held with groups of a maximum of 10 riders plus coach/s and essential support personnel subject to the density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm.
- Maintain 1.5m social distancing.
- Schedule activities to expedite participation and limit numbers on site.
- Record participants' name/phone and time at venue.
- Implement processes to streamline check-in, payments and bookings - avoiding gatherings and unnecessary double handling of items.
- 4m distance between parked cars and floats.

- Every second yard/stable to remain vacant to encourage social distancing.
- Communal change rooms, showers and toilets can open. Other facilities to remain closed.
- Encourage good hygiene practices including use of hand sanitiser and wearing of face masks.
- Disinfect equipment after handling.
- The CovidSafe app should be downloaded and active.
- Persons displaying any symptoms must not attend.
- Determine protocols if person presents with symptoms.
- Appoint Covid Safety officer to monitor compliance with rules.
- Indoor arenas may be used with up to 10 people per space and 20 per facility.

Clubs may re-open locked grounds for training and exercise provided a booking system is in place to limit numbers at the venue and assist tracing. Rules in line with the requirements for rallies and group training are to be applied.

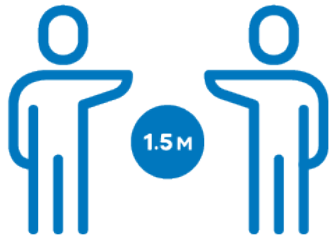
## COMPETITIONS

- All adult competition must be non-contact and held outdoors. Social distancing (1.5m) must be maintained in all areas.
- Where it is necessary during the conduct of an event to form groups (e.g. show classes, mounted games, marshalling areas), each group must not exceed 10 persons. Judges, event officials or essential support personnel are not counted in the group of 10.
- Where it is NOT necessary to form groups i.e. individual competitions such as Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, participation is limited to the minimum number of people required for the activity.
- Organising Committees must timetable events to expedite participation and avoid excessive participant numbers on site.
- Pre-entries only in accordance with competition requirements.
- Personnel, officials and volunteers are to be limited to those essential for the running of the event.
- 1 parent/helper per junior participant.
- No spectators. Essential support personnel only.
- Persons from current restricted areas (interstate) may not attend or participate.
- Communal change rooms, showers and toilets can open. Other facilities to remain closed.

- There must be at least 4m clearance between parked floats and vehicles, including portable yards or other equipment associated with the float/vehicle.
- Alternate yards or stables must remain vacant.
- Toilets and common use surfaces must be disinfected regularly.
- Temperature checks must be undertaken at entry.
- An attendees' register including name, mobile phone number and time arrived at the venue must be recorded for every person in attendance.
- Persons who are sick or unwell or displaying any sign of sickness must not attend.
- Face masks must be worn at all times, except if the activity results in being out of breath or puffing and must be worn immediately before and after the activity ceases. If you are doing exercise or a physical activity where you are not out of breath or puffing, then you must wear a face covering unless you have a lawful reason not to do so.
- Equipment must be cleaned after use. No sharing of equipment.
- Canteens, kiosks and at venue dining facilities can open subject to the industry restart guidelines for hospitality.
- The CovidSafe app should be downloaded and active.
- If camping is permitted at the venue you can camp with the people you live with, your intimate partner, and up to two other people and their dependents. Campsites must be separated by a minimum distance of 4m.
- A Covid Safe Officer must be appointed to monitor compliance with COVID-19 rules and restrictions.
- The approach to equestrian competition is 'get in, compete, get out' minimising unnecessary contact at the event.

**BE SAFE, CAUTIOUS & APPROPRIATE.**

## 6 COVID SAFE PRINCIPLES



### Ensure physical distancing

- Ensure participants are 1.5 metres apart as much as possible.
- Display signs to show participant limits at the entrance of enclosed areas where limits apply.
- Apply the four square metre rule to configure shared areas.



### Wear a face mask

- Ensure all participants entering the venue wear a face mask as per public health advice.
- Provide adequate face masks and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to volunteers who do not have their own.



### Practise good hygiene

- Frequently and regularly clean and disinfect shared spaces, including high touch communal items such as doorknobs and gates.
- Have soap and hand sanitiser available and encourage regular handwashing.
- Avoid sharing of equipment. Limit double handling of items.



### **Keep records and act quickly**

- Participants to stay home even if they only have mild symptoms
- Temperature checks at venue entrance.
- Develop a contingency plan to manage any outbreaks.
- Keep records of all people who enter the venue for contact tracing.



### **Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces**

- Move as much activity outside as possible.
- Food service in line with current restrictions.  
[.https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-11/Industry-Restaurant-%20Guidelines-Hospitality.pdf](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-11/Industry-Restaurant%20Guidelines-Hospitality.pdf)



### **Create participation bubbles**

- Schedule groups to avoid exceeding participation limits and/or to keep numbers at a manageable level. Implement a ride and leave policy.