



## CROQUET VICTORIA

### The guidelines below indicate what is permitted under current Victorian government policy.

Making an assessment of whether croquet can be provided safely may be specific to each venue. It is the responsibility of each council, association and club to work together to make this assessment based on individual circumstances. Croquet Victoria recommends that each club and each member carefully weighs up the benefits and risks when making their decision. The Croquet Australia insurance policy does not cover any COVID-19 related illness.

If in doubt, don't play. If your club or you decide to play, do observe the following restrictions and guidance.

### POST-LOCKDOWN GUIDELINES FOR CLUBS LOCATED IN VICTORIA: 10 July 2021

These guidelines are based on [Department of Health and Human Services advice](#), the current [Chief Officer of Health Directions](#) for Victoria as a whole (updated on 9 July), and the changes announced by the Acting Premier on 7 July 2021. They still include the requirements of a COVID-safe Plan. Contact the [Croquet Victoria Secretary](#) if you need assistance.

This document is being progressively modified as government guidelines are updated. Please check the [Croquet Victoria website](#) for the most recent version.

### LATEST NEWS – same rules now apply across Victoria

**DENSITY QUOTIENT:** Default is 4m<sup>2</sup> per person. May be reduced to 2m<sup>2</sup> per person if a COVID Check in Marshal checks at the entry to the club that each person is checked in using the Government QR code.

Masks must still be worn indoors; outside where social distancing can't be maintained. Social play, practice and competition allowed. No limits on travel within Victoria.

All clubs (metro and regional) must register all attendances using the Government QR code - available free via <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service>. See point 3 below.

**Subject to the density quotient** (default is 4m<sup>2</sup> per person):

Clubhouses are open

No limit on group sizes; spectators allowed

Maximum in each discrete outdoor space 1000, maximum of 300 per separate indoor space.

### 1 What play is allowed, and how many people can play

Numbers are effectively limited by the density quotient (applies indoors and outdoors). Use signs to indicate how many people are allowed in each indoor space. No limit on group sizes.

Density quotient: 4m<sup>2</sup> per person. May be reduced to 2m<sup>2</sup> per person if a COVID Check-in Marshal is on the door and checks that everyone is checked in using the Government QR code.

**Everyone** is asked to observe social distancing. Phase sessions to avoid congestion at entry / exit points.

### 2 Who can play

Please only play with others if you are in good health. If you are suffering from a condition that puts you at risk, be especially careful to observe the hygiene requirements.

### 3 How is attendance recorded

To assist with contact tracing, all attendances *must* be recorded using the Victorian Government QR code. This is mandatory, and it is the club's responsibility to ensure that it is done. If someone does not have access to a suitable phone, the club needs to have arrangements in place so they can be registered on the QR code system. See <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service>. Options include:

- a fellow member registers others attending at the same time
- a responsible member of the club is contacted to check in people without a phone
- the government COVID Kiosk, which you can use to set up multiple log-ins on the one device

You may decide to set up a COVID Check-in Marshal system. The player designated as Check in Marshal for a particular playing session has the task of checking that everyone is actually checked in, by looking at the device they used to do it. Having someone do this reduces the required density quotient to 2m<sup>2</sup> per person.

You may also wish to record attendance and use of the QR code on paper. If so, try to avoid sharing the pen - one person in each group can be designated to record everyone's name, arrival and leaving times.

#### **4 In the event of someone testing positive with COVID-19**

If you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please get tested and stay home till you are cleared. If the test is positive, please inform the club, and of course stay home till you are cleared.

Clubs are to specify in their COVID-safe plan how they will manage an incident where someone has attended who is at risk of or been diagnosed with COVID.

#### **5 Social distancing and hygiene**

Keep at least 1.5 metres between yourself and anyone else. No handshakes or high fives!

Across Victoria, **fitted masks are still mandatory indoors** (except at home). Outdoors, must be carried, but need not be worn unless social distancing will be difficult to achieve.

If your toilet and hand basin are in a restricted space, label the space to indicate how many people may be there at the same time (using the relevant density quotient).

Hygiene involves:

- wash your hands thoroughly (palms, backs of hands, between fingers, fingertips, thumbs, wrists) with soap or sanitiser – when you arrive, and after you have touched something that someone else may have touched.
- keep your hands away from your face
- clean items that you have touched that other people will use after you (see below)
- if First Aid is needed, use single-use gloves (see below).

#### **6 Hygiene equipment**

The club should ensure that players can access

- soap and sanitiser
- paper towels for drying hands
- alcohol wipes for cleaning equipment
- disinfectant in toilet
- single-use gloves (kept near the First Aid kit and the toilet)
- Personal Protection Equipment for use if there is a need for someone to give First Aid: mask, protective goggles, disposable raincoat.

Schedule regular and frequent cleaning of accessible areas and frequently touched surfaces. Display the schedule in the club rooms, with sign offs to show when areas have been cleaned.

#### **7 Playing equipment**

Use your own mallet if possible.

For any playing session, arrange for each item of shared equipment to be handled by only one person.

For example, the attendance register, the hoops, the peg, the hoop trolley.

If you have to use a club mallet, put out hoops / peg, get out balls, or handle other equipment:

- sanitise your hands (washing with soap is fine)
- clean the equipment with soap, detergent or sanitiser (for balls, use only a mild detergent and water – anything else may damage the balls)
- sanitise your hands again
- sanitise all equipment at the end of the session.

In Golf Croquet, each ball should normally be handled only by the person playing it. However, if need be, other players could use their foot or mallet to move it.

In Association Croquet and Ricochet, the striker may only handle their own ball. When other balls need to be moved or positioned, this should be done with the foot or mallet.

#### **8 First Aid**

Use disposable (single-use) gloves to open the First Aid kit and deal with the emergency. Use the Personal Protection Equipment as required.

Afterwards, discard the disposable items and wash your hands before closing the First Aid kit.

#### **9 Club and committee gatherings**

**Attendance at gatherings other than at home must be registered using the Government QR code.**

Attendances at clubhouses across Victoria: subject to the relevant density quotient (4m<sup>2</sup> per person, **2m<sup>2</sup> per person IF the club has a COVID Check in Marshal in place**).

Up to 15 visitors to the home per day.

#### **10 Travel**

You are allowed to drive and/or use public transport to get to a venue for sport or recreation. Masks are mandatory on public transport and shared rides. No limits on travel across Victoria.

#### **11 Documenting what you are doing**

You need to ensure everyone knows (and does) what is expected. Set this out in your COVID-safe plan.