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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 September 2021

These guidelines are based on [Department of Health and Human Services advice](#), the current [Chief Health Officer Directions](#) for regional Victoria and the restricted areas of Greater Melbourne and Greater Shepparton as updated on 10 September 2021; and the changes announced by the Premier on 8 September 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 – regions are released from lockdown

In the regions (outside Melbourne and Greater Shepparton):

Social play and practice. **No competitive events.**

No limits on travel within Victoria, other than to metro Melbourne/ Greater Shepparton.

Play across the border bubble with NSW NOT permitted.

Clubs must register all attendances using the Government QR code.

Outside the home, masks must be worn indoors and outdoors, except during vigorous exercise, or while eating or drinking.

Subject to the density quotient of 4m² per person at sporting venues:

Clubhouses are closed, except for access to toilets and equipment (minimum numbers only)

Group sizes are limited to 10; maximum of 20 per venue.

Spectators are NOT allowed

Greater Shepparton and Greater Melbourne, including the Mornington Peninsula, are still in lockdown and play is prohibited, except for high performance players with Authorised Worker permits.

1 What play is allowed, and how many people can play – regions only

Groups a maximum of 10. Max of 20 people per venue, subject to density quotient of 4m² per person.

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. 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.

It is the club's responsibility to set up a system to ensure that everybody is registered. See

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service>. Unstaffed venues no longer need to have a COVID Check in Marshal, but it is still useful to designate a player for a particular playing session who reminds everyone to check in. Note that players are not allowed to travel from Melbourne or Shepparton to play at a club in the regions, and if they do they should not be admitted.

You may 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

Across Victoria, **fitted masks are mandatory outdoors and indoors** (except at home).

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

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 – Regions only [not Melbourne or Shepparton]

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

Public gatherings are still limited to a maximum of 10, subject to the space quotient of 4m² per person.

No visitors to the home.

10 Travel - Regions only [not Melbourne or Shepparton]

You are allowed to drive and/or use public transport to get to a venue for sport or recreation. Masks are mandatory. **Outside Melbourne and Shepparton**, no limits on travel within 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.