



Saturday 6th 2020

Polocrosse Association of Australia – returning to polocrosse safely - update

Dear Polocrosse Community,

In March 2020 we advised that all Australian polocrosse activities including practices, coaching and umpiring schools were suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia.

Since that time, actions and measures implemented by the government have been largely successful, with restrictions in each State and Territory starting to ease.

We are highly committed to supporting the recommencement of polocrosse throughout Australia. However, in doing this, we must remain vigilant and ensure that we don't compromise the health of our members or the community. In addition to safety, the overall sustainability of our sport is central to our decision making on the recommencement of activities.

The Federal Government has endorsed measures for the resumption of sporting activities across Australia. These [National Principles](#), together with the [Australian Institute of Sport's, Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment](#), are being used to guide the staged return of activity as efforts to stop the spread of the virus continue. Additional guidance on managing COVID-19 health risks has also been released including the [COVID-19 infection control guidelines for community sport](#) by the Commonwealth Department of Health. These requirements, together with the current restrictions in each State and Territory are being taken into account when making our decisions.

Queensland and Western Australia

Subject to activities being carried out in accordance with these and all other applicable Commonwealth and State Government requirements, directives, advice and guidelines, we will be lifting the suspension of practices, coaching and umpiring schools as of 12 June 2020 in Queensland and Western Australia respectively.

The recommencement of carnivals in these States remains subject to further approval from us.

Northern Territory

Northern Territory commenced practice from 15th May and commences full competition today. This recommencement of activities in the Northern Territory was due to the road map to lifting restrictions in NT released on 1st May 2020, subject to the Government restrictions.

Other States

We are continuing to work closely with the other States and expect to make further announcements on the recommencement of activities in those States, in line with their current restrictions, shortly. This will include a further announcement on the Nationals, which were re-scheduled to be held in April 2020.

Polocrosse Australia is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our members and the community. To assist, we strongly encourage **all** members to download the COVIDSafe app.

We thank you for your co-operation and continued understanding during this time. If you require further advice or guidance on activities in your State and Territory, please contact your local association.

Thank you and stay safe,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Lane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'G' and a trailing 'e'.

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