

Chase Basketball COVID Safety Plan

Current as of: 28th July 2021

Introduction

This plan provides Chase Basketball coaches, athletes, and users guidance on operating in a COVID-safe way and helps identify and mitigate risks during the ongoing pandemic.

Purpose and objectives

Chase Basketball is dedicated to the health, safety and wellbeing of all team members, athletes (and families), coaches and users. In this pandemic environment, we acknowledge additional precautions are required and that these are outlined in this COVID Safety Plan.

1. Program access and athlete/user flow

To control the flow of people into and through Chase Basketball programs, we will:

- refer to State Government and Basketball Victoria directives with regards to return to play guidelines.
- adhere to any density quotas for relevant return to sport directives.
- have a management plan in place for coaches, athletes, staff and/or users presenting with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, which enables immediate isolation of that person, as well as the requirement that the person use a face mask to immediately reduce risk of transmission.
- control athlete and visitor entry to Chase Basketball program venues via dedicated entry and exit doors.
- define foot traffic at Chase Basketball venues using floor markings and signage where appropriate.
- display information at the entrance and inside all Chase Basketball venues (and ensure clear messaging on the website) asking athlete/families, coaches, and staff to NOT attend any Chase Basketball session should they (or any close contact) be suffering with any flu/cold like symptoms.
- display information at the entrance of any Chase Basketball venues, outlining the requirements of entry i.e. wearing a mask, be pre-registered as a participant, QR code entry, be free from symptoms consistent with COVID-19, frequent hand washing.
- provide access to hand-hygiene products upon entry and exit (and at appropriate locations at every Chase Basketball venue), such as an alcohol-based hand sanitiser or hand-washing facilities.



2. Physical distancing

While acknowledging the nature of sport/basketball means maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 m between participants is not always possible, Chase Basketball will put in place physical distancing measures when applicable by:

- implementing non-competitive (individual drills) where social distancing is mandated.
- minimising athlete congestion on the court by
 - limiting the number of people on the court at any one time
 - having parents/guardians wait in their cars or outside the venue during Chase Basketball programs
 - spacing furniture in the venues where applicable

3. Use of personal protective equipment (face masks)

Appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) is critical in limiting the spread of COVID-19. All members of the Chase team (coaches and staff) will:

- ensure standard precautions, including hand hygiene, cough etiquette and appropriate waste-management techniques, are maintained.
- be required to wear a fitted facemask during Chase Basketball sessions.
- dispose of all used facemasks in accordance with standard precautions.

4. Environmental management and cleaning

Chase Basketball will regularly clean and disinfect shared spaces, surfaces and communal items at all Chase Basketball venues as required: Chase Basketball staff will:

- enhance air flow by opening windows and doors in shared spaces (where and when appropriate)
- minimise the amount of equipment used on-court and in communal areas to reduce the cleaning burden and risk of transmission.
- minimise the sharing of equipment between team members, athletes, coaches, and staff (where applicable).
- adhere to environmental cleaning as per the most current advice from the Department of Health and the Management of all Chase Basketball venues.
- clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces with detergent and disinfectant wipe/solution between each Chase Basketball session.
- require coaches/staff who are cleaning an area or equipment to wear fresh non-contaminated gloves and a fitted facemask.
- provide instruction to all coaches/staff members on environmental cleaning requirements.

5. Record-keeping

To aid contact tracing in the event an athlete, staff member, contractor, or any visitor to a Chase Basketball program tests positive for COVID-19, Chase Basketball will:

- maintain a record of all program participants, coaches' work times, and contractors/visitors to a Chase Basketball program and/or offices, including entry and exit times via pre—registration, attendance rolls and QR check-in at every Chase Basketball session.
- utilise a contactless electronic system (i.e., QR code or similar) to record contact details, ensuring data is stored confidentially and securely and is only used for the purpose for which it was intended.
- maintain these records for a minimum of 28 days.

6. Chase Basketball staff/coach management and limiting interactions in closed spaces:

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission between Chase Basketball staff and coaches, we will:

- ensure that all Chase Basketball coaches and staff are fully vaccinated prior to working in a Chase Basketball program.
- regularly communicate with all team members regarding the requirement to not attend a Chase Basketball on-court session or office/admin shift if they have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, regardless of how mild, and will encourage testing in line with local public health advice.
- require a verbal/written/electronic attestation from each team member at the commencement of each shift confirming they do not have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, have not been in contact with a confirmed case, and have not been directed to isolate.
- support any coach/staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 or is identified as a close contact or is required to self-isolate – including by making them aware of their leave entitlements (if applicable).
- restrict (where possible) coaches/staff to single venue rosters.
- encourage physical distancing in common areas (i.e., Chase offices at MSAC), through organisation of furniture, floor markings and signage.
- stagger office rosters to limit Chase Basketball staff in office area (MSAC).
- require work-from-home rosters to be utilized where/when possible.
- require all coach/staff members to thoroughly clean communal items (eg cutlery) immediately after use by washing with hot water and detergent or by placing them in the dishwasher to be washed on the hottest possible setting
- ban the sharing of food at all Chase Basketball venues.

7. Responding to a positive case, or close contact.

If a coach, staff member, athlete, or close contact of any tests positive to COVID-19, Chase Basketball will:

- contact the DHHS and DET (if applicable) and provide all relevant details (names, dates, sites) and follow their advice.
- notify venue manager/s in which the positive case was reported.
- notify all staff/coaches and participants of the session in which the positive case was reported.
- exclude staff and participants from further participation in the training program until they have fulfilled government directives for isolation and have presented evidence of a negative Covid test result.
- assist the local public health unit in contact tracing by providing records of all athletes, coaches, staff members and visitors who attended the Chase Basketball session during the period in which the positive case was potentially infectious (as defined by the local public health unit).



Plan review

This plan will be reviewed regularly to ensure it reflects the current processes and procedures of Chase Basketball as well as current legislation requirements and public health directives. The plan will be reviewed on or before 26th October 2021.

Public health unit contacts

State/territory	Public health unit contact
Victoria	1300 650 172

Further resources

Melbourne Sports Centres:	Duty Manager	03 9926 1600
Albert Park College	Venue Manager	0436 649 200
Auburn High School	Contact	03 9822 3247
Elwood College	Venue Manager	0412 555 250
Prahran High School	Contact	03 9113 1000
Richmond High School	Contact	03 8396 6399
Sandringham College	Contact	03 8599 0500

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