

NAB AFL AUSKICK RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS – VICTORIA

Returning to NAB AFL Auskick in a safe, hygienic, and controlled manner is paramount to the AFL. The safety and wellbeing of our participants is our number one priority. We will continue to work with the Victorian State Government to ensure alignment with their advice. Our primary focus is preparing to return to a safe environment in a well-prepared and educated manner.

ALL NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN:

- Reducing the spread of COVID-19
- Promoting good hygiene practices amongst participants
- Adhering to and promoting the State Government requirements around social distancing and gatherings
- Promoting staying close to home to align with DH Victoria guidance
- Following the clear protocols and requirements around returning NAB AFL Auskick.

This document relates specifically to NAB AFL Auskick in Victoria.

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1. NAB AFL Auskick Coordinators and identified COVID-19 Safety Officer/s have completed the [Federal Government Infection Control Training](#). Use “VIC TEST CLUB” as your Club Name if you are not connected to a Football Club. Certificate of completion needs to be emailed to your AFL Victoria Football Development Manager prior to the commencement of activity.
2. Centres strictly adhere to the current Victorian Government restrictions, and following the principle of ‘Get in, Play, Get out’
3. A density quotient of 1 per 4 square metres for outdoor and indoor setting applies
4. Change rooms are permitted to be open however the total number of people permitted in all indoor spaces at the facility combined at any time does not exceed 50 (with infants under one year of age not counting towards this limit)
5. Does not exceed the outdoor venue cap of 1000 (please note; the venue cap is **only** for participants and those required to facilitate the activity. General spectators **are not** permitted).
6. No more than the minimum number of participants required to conduct the training or games participate in the activity (e.g. participants, coordinators, parent helpers and those required for supervision of children or to support people with a disability)
7. Only parent helpers and caregivers necessary to support participation should attend NAB AFL Auskick sessions and should not gather in groups of more than 20.
8. **General spectators are not permitted.**
9. Face masks are recommended to be worn outdoors by all Victorians where social distancing cannot be achieved.
10. Face masks must be worn by all Victorians when indoors unless they have a lawful exception.
11. All Centres must have a COVIDSafe Plan (A template can be found on AFL Victoria’s [website](#)).
12. QR Codes are used to keep a record of people in attendance (participants, parent helpers, parent spectators).
13. Visitors can scan the QR code by opening their smartphone’s camera and allowing it to focus on the code. The smartphone will then generally identify the code and say what to do next.
14. If a QR Code is not used, a log, or register, using the approved AFL Victoria template, League template, or an online app or similar, which clearly identifies all participants and officials in attendance at each training session must be maintained and available upon request
15. All equipment will be thoroughly sanitised before and after sessions.
16. Approval is obtained by Local Government (and affiliated club if applicable) for the safe return to sessions and use of facilities.
17. The Return to NAB AFL Auskick hygiene practices outlined in this document are to be strictly adhered to.
18. If the venue has a café or restaurant, the hospitality restrictions apply within the café or restaurant space only.
19. Detailed guidelines of the requirements for cafes, restaurants and food and drink facilities to reopen are now available on the [Business Victoria website](#).



REGIONAL VICTORIA

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21. Centres strictly adhere to the current Victorian Government restrictions, and following the principle of ‘Get in, Play, Get out’
22. A density quotient of 1 per 4 square metres for outdoor and indoor setting applies
23. A patron cap of 1000 people applies to community outdoor sport. This cap includes participants, coordinators, parent helpers and spectators.
24. The number of people in each indoor at the facility at any one time is limited to 300 (with infants under one year old not counting towards this limit)
25. The number of members of the public in each seated outdoor space is limited to 75 per cent of the maximum seated capacity for that space
26. Face masks are recommended to be worn outdoors by people residing in Regional Victoria where social distancing cannot be achieved.
27. Face masks must be worn by all Victorians when indoors unless they have a lawful exception.
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*Please note a rollback to tighter activity restrictions is a possible scenario. If this occurs, AFL Victoria will communicate any changes to NAB AFL Auskick Centres as soon as practicably possible through all AFL Victoria’s channels.

HYGIENE FACTORS FOR A RETURN TO NAB AFL AUSKICK

Hygiene Protocols for a Return to NAB AFL Auskick

- Alcohol-based hand sanitisers should be made available for shared use.
- Do not share drink bottles.
- NAB AFL Auskick Coordinators, if providing First Aid, must follow protocols as outlined in infection control training (i.e. disposal of gloves in between treatments, wearing of face masks)
- Minimise use of communal facilities (toilet or medical use only with strict social distancing).
- Club facilities should be avoided, however if they are provided the club is responsible for their adequate provision and cleanliness.
- Hygiene posters displayed



- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds - if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- Wash or sanitise your hands before eating
- Any player or official member that has underlying health conditions or is considered a vulnerable person should consult with a healthcare professional prior to returning to the NAB AFL Auskick environment.
- Stay home and seek medical treatment when you are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your mouth to cough or sneeze with elbow.

OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES

1. AFL Victoria and NAB AFL Auskick Centres will follow any direction from the Victorian Government, specifically the [Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\)](#), [Sport and Recreation Victoria](#) and will align [Federal Guidelines for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities](#) and the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a Post COVID-19 Environment](#)
2. AFL Victoria will review all activities as directed by the Victorian Government if there is an increase in cases.
3. Any COVID-19 confirmed cases in the player and official cohort will result in immediate review of NAB AFL Auskick in affected Centre
4. Resumption of NAB AFL Auskick activities should not compromise the health of individuals or the community, any non-compliance by anyone at a NAB AFL Auskick session risks the permanent closure of that Centre for 2021
5. The resumption of NAB AFL Auskick will contribute to the health, economic, social and cultural benefits of Australian participants and wider community

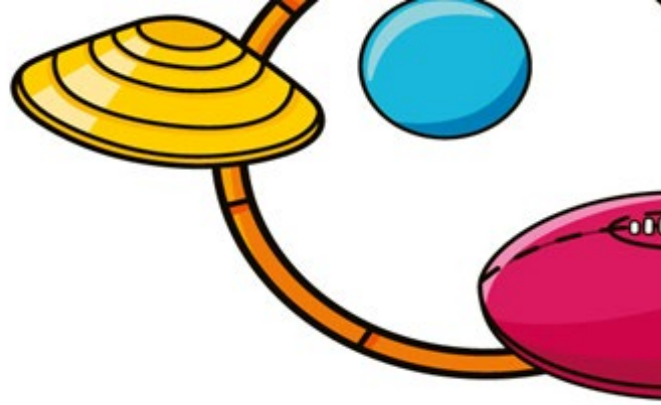
EDUCATION PROTOCOLS

It is important that any information with respect to COVID-19 or any other infectious illness comes from a reputable source. The AFL and AFL Victoria will continue to regularly consult with the Victorian Government and medical experts.

NAB AFL Auskick is governed by the Australian Football League but is managed and led by volunteers (in general) acting in an official capacity, either attached to a Community Football Club, or as a standalone NAB AFL Auskick Centre.

- Requirement → Any official responsible for the conduct of a NAB AFL Auskick session will be required to have completed the [Federal Government Infection Control Training](#). Please use "VIC TEST CLUB" as your Club Name if you are not connected to a Football Club. A register of trained community club officials will be managed by AFL Victoria.
- Requirement → Certificate of completion needs to be emailed to your AFL Victoria Football Development Manager prior to the commencement of activity.
- Requirement → Australian Government and WHO resources will be prominently displayed in facilities and at entry points, including handwashing and cough advice, or appropriate efforts to educate parents via digital means (email and social media) will be enacted.
- Requirement → All parents/guardians and officials are encouraged to download and utilise the Government's COVID-19 tracing app.
- Requirement → Briefings in advance of return play to be held to outline protocols for Auskick Coordinators.
- Requirement → Auskick Coordinators to lead a strong culture of COVID-19 safety for the health and wellbeing of Club members and the broader community





NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRE CHECKLIST FOR RETURN TO PLAY

This guide has been established to support Centres Returning to Play under the current State Government COVID-19 restrictions. The NAB AFL Auskick Centres have an obligation to strictly adhere to these protocols at every session.

- CENTRE SIZE AND TRAINING GROUPS**
The Centre has read and understands the relevant restrictions and protocols in this document (18 June 2021)
- SPECTATORS**
Only parent helpers and caregivers necessary to support participation should attend NAB AFL Auskick sessions in Metro Melbourne. General Spectators are allowed in Regional Victoria.
- 1.5M SOCIAL DISTANCING**
The centre has advised its participants, coordinators, and parent helpers they must observe social distancing requirements of 1.5m when not undertaking training activities
- NAB AFL AUSKICK BRIEFINGS/WELCOME**
Coordinators must reiterate critical points to all NAB AFL Auskickers and Parent Helpers
- EQUIPMENT**
Football and all other equipment can be used for NAB AFL Auskick Sessions. Please make sure that equipment is cleaned appropriately after each session.
- HYGIENE PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE**
Centre Coordinators understand the requirement to explain hygiene protocols and ensure they are adhered to.
- A REGISTER OF PARTICIPANTS IS KEPT BY QR CODE**
QR Codes are used to keep a record of people in attendance
- CENTRE HAVE DEVELOPED A COVIDSAFE PLAN**
The Centre has developed a COVIDSafe Plan and have communicated the plan.
- COVIDSafe APP**
The club has encouraged all players, volunteers and families to download the COVIDSafe app to help in tracing the spread of COVID-19.
- APPROVAL**
The Centre has obtained the relevant approvals from Local Government and any other relevant authorities
- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**
The Centre understand that they must follow the direction and advice of Police, Local Government, AFL Victoria and the AFL at all times.

