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To: Softball NSW Affiliates & Stakeholders

From: Daniel Rushworth Chief Executive Officer

Date: Thursday, 24 September 2020

Subject: NSW Health Chief Health Officer Community Sport Update

Softball NSW today received updated advice ([Minimising risk of covid-19 transmission: updated advice for NSW school communities and community sports organisations](#)) from the NSW Health's Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant in response to the previous guidelines provided on August 14th. Those guidelines were initially requested to be implemented for a 6-week period and would be reviewed based on community transmission and the ongoing challenges of the pandemic.

Following that initial 6-week period, Dr Chant's advice is as follows;

1. From Saturday 26 September, interregional community sporting competitions may recommence without restricting these activities to regions or zones, where there is a COVID-19 Safety Plan for community sport activity in place.
2. More than one parent may now attend community sporting activities if physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres can be maintained between people that are not from the same household.
3. Ensure strict compliance with all other elements of the COVID-19 Safety Plan.
4. Non-essential adults should continue to be excluded from sporting activities held during the normal school day.
5. Community sports organisations and participants should continue to avoid shared travel arrangements such as car-pooling, and to minimise gatherings before and after the event.

Please note that it remains essential for all community sports organisations to remain fully compliant with the current [Public Health Order](#) and to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place, and remain fully compliant with this plan.

N.B Softball NSW has enforced the requirement of a Safety Plan and Registration as a COVIDSafe Business for all Associations to achieve endorsement of their competition.

Softball NSW will be incorporating Dr Chant's advice into the management and delivery of Softball at both the representative and local delivery of training and games and acknowledge that these elements are reflected in the [Softball NSW Return to Play Guidelines](#)

Further to this, Softball NSW will be providing further advice to our community in the coming weeks in relation to the management and limitation of attendees at the upcoming State Championships. We acknowledge that the current capacity for sporting activities allowed under the Public Health Order is up to 500 persons inclusive of athletes, volunteers and spectators.

For any questions in relation to this information please contact ceo@softballnsw.org.au

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