

COVID-19 Safety Plan Rev 2 Oct 11 2020

Effective 1 July 2020 12 Oct 2020

CHANGES NOTED IN CONTEXT

Community sporting competitions and full training activities



This COVID-19 Safety Plan has been developed to create and maintain a safe environment for our Athletes, Parents/Carers, Volunteers and Employees.

We must all follow the current COVID-19 Public Health Orders and manage risks to staff and other people in accordance with Work Health and Safety laws. For more information and specific advice for your industry go to www.nsw.gov.au

Manly Warringah Athletics Centre Inc. will ensure COVID-19 Safety Coordinator(s) are in place who are responsible for the completion, review and upkeep of this document.

ORGANISATION DETAILS	
Organisation name:	Manly Warringah Athletics Centre Inc.
Plan completed by:	Peter Laytham (Manager for Equipment) and Nik Ehnbom (President)
In alignment with:	The Return to Little Athletics Guidelines developed by Little Athletics NSW

REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANISATIONS

Requirements for your organisation and the actions you will put in place to keep your participants, volunteers and workers safe.

REQUIREMENTS	ACTIONS	
Wellbeing of staff and visitors		
Exclude staff, volunteers, parents/carers and participants who are unwell:	Before participating at Little Athletics, we have advised all participants and their parents/carers, and all volunteers that they must not attend any Little Athletics activity, if in the past 14 days if they have: - visited Victoria (including spectators and officials) - attended any of the reported case locations listed on the NSW Health website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates) - been unwell or had any flu-like symptoms, or - been in contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19, or - any sudden loss of smell or loss of taste, or - are at a high risk from a health perspective, including the elderly and those with pre-existing medical health conditions.	



	We have advised everyone that they should check the NSW Government website for advice regarding the full list of symptoms associated with COVID-19 infection: https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing
Provide staff and volunteers with information and training on COVID-19, including when to get tested, physical distancing and cleaning, and how to manage a sick visitor:	We will recommend that all our identified COVID-19 Safety Coordinator/s (at a minimum) and a number of other interested volunteers (as much as practicable), complete the COVID-19 Infection Control Training https://covid-19training.gov.au/login We have worked with Little Athletics NSW to promote and encourage the use of the following resources and websites to obtain accurate information: - Australian Government Department of Health:
Make staff aware of their leave entitlements if they are sick or required to selfisolate.	Whilst our Centre's workforce are volunteers, we have made them aware of the above-mentioned symptoms and stipulated that they should stay away from the Centre and self-isolate in the event that they experience any symptoms.
Display conditions of entry (website, social media, venue entry):	We will display posters, distribute and "share" information about COVID-19 across our digital channels and at appropriate locations around our club house and venue. Where appropriate, we will identify and address potential language, cultural and disability barriers associated with communicating COVID-19 information to participants, members and other stakeholders.



	In conjunction with our state governing body, Little Athletics NSW, we have developed and promoted amongst our members and stakeholders, a range of resources on COVID-19. These can be downloaded
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REQUIREMENTS ACTIONS

Physical distancing

Ensure the number of people in a facility does not exceed one person per 4 square metres (excluding staff) to a maximum of 500 people:

Consideration around the 500 participants

Public Health Orders stipulate community sporting activities have no more than 500 participants at any time.

For the purposes of MWLAC, Participants are:

- a) A person engaged in the activity (athlete)
- b) An accompanying parent of an athlete
- c) An official involved in the conduct or organization of the activity

In order to ensure compliance with the orders:

For Age Groups U7, U8 and U9:

- Maximum of 1 Parent/carer only per registered athlete
- Parents remain in the vicinity of their athlete's Age Group at all times
- Parents must agree to cooperate fully with any reasonable instruction from the Age Manager or from a Centre official

For Age Groups U10 and above (AMENDED):

- Maximum of 1 Parent/carer only per registered athlete
- Parents remain in the vicinity of their athlete's Age Group at all times
- Parents must agree to cooperate fully with any reasonable instruction from the Age Manager or from a Centre official
- Parents will only be permitted into the centre if they are actively involved in running the competition or the canteen.

All Age Groups

- Once the maximum attendance is reached as determined by centre check-in/check out counter maintained in Google Sheets via QR Code (user userid covid@mwlac.org.au, password Mw1ac02!, sheet name "COVID Declaration and Check-In (Responses)", tab "Running Total") no further entry will be permitted
- No parents will be permitted into the Centre as a spectator only.
- Competition will be split as follows until further notice:
 - AMENDED Saturday morning (6:30am till finish) Age Groups U11 and above
 - Saturday morning (10am till finish) Age Groups U10 and below
- MWLAC reserves a right to cap registrations in any particular Age Group, in consultation with LANSW, where an Age Group is likely to exceed 60 athletes.



Minimise co-mingling of participants from different matches and timeslots where possible:

Wherever possible, we will allow time between age groups at each event (particularly field events), to enable one group to leave the event area before the next group arrives, to minimise congestion and contact.

We will communicate with age managers, officials and members to encourage personal equipment and bags be arranged to maintain adequate physical distancing between individuals.

Wherever necessary, we have identified separate entry and exit points to the venue via signage and communicated this to participants and parents/carers.

Ensure any spectators comply with 1.5 metres physical distancing where practical, such as through staggered seating. People who live in the same household are not required to distance. Have strategies in place to prevent spectators from different matches and timeslots co-mingling.

AMENDED MWLAC will not allow spectators during competition. All parents in the Centre will be either actively involved in running competition (Parent duties, Parent helpers) or for younger athletes will be in close vicinity to their child's Age Group.

We will take the necessary precautions to minimise the risk of transmission by using signage and PA announcements to advise of the strict requirements.

We will encourage members to leave the facility as soon as possible following the conclusion of their training session or last event.

Only 1 parent/carer per registered athlete can attend the activity at the venue.

Have strategies in place to manage gatherings that may occur immediately outside the premises, such as with drop off and pick up zones or staggered start/finish times: We will manage gate access entry and exit points to facility, allowing a seamless flow of people through the venue, to limit the risk of overlap and congestion.

AMENDED: We will have dedicated personnel at the entrance, and exit and surrounding areas to manage the movement of people in those areas.

Reduce crowding wherever possible and promote physical distancing with markers on the floor:

We will promote and communicate the importance of social distancing of 1.5 metres between spectators (e.g. parents/carers). This will be done through PA announcements, use of tape to restrict access to spectator areas, social media, direct communication, and signage.

We will indicate the number of people that can occupy indoor spaces in accordance with the 4m² guideline including toilets, canteen, club house etc.



Assess the safe capacity of communal facilities such as showers, change rooms and lockers.

Communicate this at their entrance and have strategies in place to reduce crowding and promote physical distancing:

We will not permit any changing or showering at the venue.

REPETITION – REMOVED -We will indicate the number of people that canoccupy indoor spaces in accordance with the 4m² guideline including toilets, canteens, club house rooms etc.

Toilets will be open for use and will display clear signage to indicate the recommended number of people entering (dependent on the space of the amenities).

We will also request Sydney Academy of Sport to increase the regularity that they clean public amenities.

Where practical, stagger	
the use of communal	
facilities. Strongly	
encourage participants	
to shower/change at	
home where possible:	

We will not permit any changing or showering at the venue.

We will limit the use of toilets as far as possible and ensure they are cleaned as required.

Use telephone or video platforms for essential staff meetings where practical:

When possible, we will conduct centre committee meetings via virtual meeting platforms such as Zoom, Facetime, Teams and so on, in place of face-to-face meetings. If we need to meet face-to-face, we will keep the time to a minimum, implement social distancing requirements by ensuring maximum room allowances are not exceeded and ask participants sit more than 1.5m apart.

Review regular business deliveries and request contactless delivery and invoicing where practical:

We will contact all suppliers and seek their support for contactless deliveries to the Centre and electronic invoicing where practical.



REQUIREMENTS		ACTIONS
Hygiene and cleaning		
Adopt good hand hygiene practices:	We will wipe down key spaces, surfaces and objects (such as benchtops, door handles, keys etc regularly). Further we will: Promote and provide hand washing guidance to all participants and volunteers (http://www.who.int/gpsc/clean_hands_protection/en/); Promote regular and thorough hand washing by volunteers and participants; Provide sanitising hand rub within the venue and refill regularly; Request Sydney Academy of Sport to replace/refill soap in toilets regularly; Request Sydney Academy of Sport to place additional rubbish bins around	
Ensure hand sanitiser is accessible at the venue entry and throughout the facility or ground:	refilled. We will encourage pa	sanitiser within the venue and ensure it is regularly rticipants, volunteers, and/or parents/carers to carry er to enable good personal hygiene.



Ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels:	We will: - Ensure Sydney Academy of Sport refills soap in bathrooms regularly. - Ensure Sydney Academy of Sport refills paper towel dispensers in bathrooms when required - Ensure all used towel bins are cleared regularly.	
Provide visual aids above hand wash basins to support effective hand washing:	We will promote and provide hand washing guidance to all participants and volunteers: (http://www.who.int/gpsc/clean_hands_protection/en/) and display hand washing guidance in all toilets/changerooms and canteens.	
Encourage participants to bring their own water bottle, snacks/orange slices and sweat towels. Avoid shared food and drinks:	We will stipulate that all participants are to provide their own clearly labelled drink bottle for their use only and will communicate to all participants the importance of not sharing any food or drinks. We will not provide any communal drink or food for participants or volunteers such as drink containers etc.	
Ensure processes are in place to launder shared uniform items after use, such as bibs or jerseys:	We will avoid the sharing of articles of clothing such as volunteer high visibility vests. We will do this by limiting entry only to those actively involved in running the centre. • By exception we will allow parents of younger athletes to shadow them around the centre, provided they adhere to distancing guidelines	
Clean frequently used indoor hard surface areas, including children's play areas, at least daily; first with detergent and water, and then disinfectant:	Not applicable	
Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces, including in communal facilities, several times per day:	We will provide sanitising wipes and require Age Managers and Parent Helpers to clean frequently used objects regularly. We will require those operating timing systems (laptops, start devices, trigger devices) to wipe the equipment with a sanitiser wipe prior to first use and after last use for the day.	
Clean areas used for high intensity sports with detergent and disinfectant after each use:	Not applicable	



Reduce sharing of equipment where practical and ensure these are cleaned with detergent and disinfectant between use:	Within the constraints of the competition, we will implement arrangements to minimise the shared use of equipment where possible. Participants will be encouraged to not share personal items such as drink bottles and towels. We will discourage the sharing of common stationery items (pens, clip boards etc.) and other personal IT equipment (laptops, iPads, headphones, etc). Shared equipment (particularly throws equipment) will be washed and wiped with antibacterial wipes or alcohol-based sanitiser prior to use by each age group, or in the case of shot puts, between athletes.	
Ensure there is accessible detergent/disinfectant and gloves for visitors to use, should they wish:	We will make soap or disinfectant/sanitiser available in common areas for visitors to access.	
Disinfectant solutions need to be maintained at an appropriate strength and used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions:	We will store sanitisers, disinfectant solutions and detergents appropriately and use in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.	
Staff are to wear gloves when cleaning and wash hands thoroughly before and after with soap and water:	We will encourage volunteers to wear gloves when cleaning and wash their hands thoroughly before and after with soap and water.	
Encourage contactless payment options:	We will encourage appropriate food/beverage and cash handling arrangements are in place including the use of correct monetary value to minimise contact and where possible, we encourage contactless electronic payment.	



REQUIREMENTS		ACTIONS
Record keeping		
Keep a record of name and a mobile number or email address for all staff, volunteers, participants, spectators, and contractors attending community sports activities for a period of at least 28 days. Ensure records are used only for the purposes of tracing COVID-19 infections and are stored confidentially and securely:	Centre weekly results are recorded in an online Competition Management System. This allows the Competition Administrator to identify which members were in attendance on any given day. Officials/volunteers are required to sign-on each week for insurance purposes, and this sign-on information will double as an attendance register for the purpose of contact tracing. Accompanying parents/spectators will be able to be contacted through the relevant members mandatory online registration. We have encouraged all participants to download the COVIDSafe App.	
Make your staff and volunteers aware of the COVIDSafe app and its benefits to support contact tracing if required:	So as to further aid the fight against COVID-19, Little Athletics NSW supports the Australian Government's COVIDSafe app and has strongly encouraged all members of the Little Athletics NSW community to get behind this initiative. We have encouraged members of our centre to download the app from the Apple App store and Google Play.	
Cooperate with NSW Health if contacted in relation to a positive case of COVID-19 at your workplace, and notify SafeWork NSW on 13 10 50:	We commit to cooperate fully with NSW Health if contacted in relation to a positive case of COVID-19 and notify SafeWork NSW on 13 10 50.	