



Statement from Netball Tasmania

25th June 2020

Stage 3 Return to Netball in Tasmania

Following the State Govt announcement relating to the easing of restrictions at 12pm on June 26th, Netball Tasmania has submitted a revised Stage 3 Plan for return to competition and has been notified of compliance.

In line with the Stage 3 Plan, the following may occur from 12pm on June 26th, 2020.

Training

- Training content may now return to normal with contesting, contact-drills and match play allowed.
- Training may still not exceed 60 minutes in duration.
- Training attendance limits will be set on a 'per court' basis by individual venues, up to a maximum of 50, in order to adhere to overall venue/space attendance limits.
- Change rooms may be made available, however this will be at the discretion of the venue.
- Netball Tasmania's Venue and Training Management Plans must continue to be adhered to.

Community Netball

- Community Netball competition may now resume with up to 500 people allowable per undivided outdoor space, and 250 people allowable per undivided indoor space (or one person per 2sqm – whichever is less).
- Netball Tasmania supports local Associations to make appropriate decisions relating to;
 - o The number of attendees allowable 'per court or team' to ensure that applicable attendance limits can be effectively managed. This includes whether spectators will be allowed to attend and, where possible, how spectator limits will be applied.
 - o The timing of season recommencement to ensure that Associations are appropriately prepared and resourced to adhere to all required conditions in Management Plans. It is unlikely that many, if any, Associations will move forward their currently scheduled start dates.

- The decision whether to make Change Rooms available or not, with consideration to applicable cleaning health and safety requirements.

RACT Insurance Tasmanian Netball League

- The RACT Insurance Tasmanian Netball League will recommence on Friday 24 July 2020.
- The revised roster will run for 10 weeks including finals, with the Grand Final set to be played 3 October.
- The maximum number of attendees allowable at each match will be determined by the capacity restrictions imposed on the applicable venues, and this may vary from venue to venue. Clubs will be advised of these restrictions, and how spectator limits will be imposed, early next week.
- Change rooms may be made available, however this will be at the discretion of the venue.
- Netball Tasmania's Venue and Competition Management Plans for Resumption of Netball in a Covid-19 Environment must be adhered to.

Please check with Associations or Venues to understand attendance limits where applicable.

The updated Stage 3 Return to Netball Plan can be viewed at <https://tas.netball.com.au/return-to-netball>

Netball Tasmania CEO Aaron Pidgeon was excited by the opportunity that Stage 3 Return to Netball presents.

'This is very exciting for our participants state-wide. We expected that we may be able to recommence contesting training mid-July, but to be able to recommence now means that athletes will feel fit, confident and ready to hit the court for matches as the individual competitions start to recommence in July.'

'It's been a long but important and necessary wait for our participants, and we know that they are eager to hit the court again asap. We understand that it still won't quite be Netball as usual, and we may still be quite a way from seeing the full return of spectators, but it's a fantastic step back into competition and is beyond where we expected we might be by this stage.'

'When participants do start to return to training and competition, I'd encourage them all to take the time to thank their local Club and Association as there has been a lot of long hours and hard work put in by our many fantastic volunteers to ensure that we're in a good position to resume Netball again so quickly and safely.'

Any queries or concerns should be directed to Netball Tasmania CEO Aaron Pidgeon on aaron.pidgeon@tasnetball.org.au or 0417 115 795.

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