

TNL In-Season **COVID Management**



During **Regional** Rounds

In most cases for single matches, teams mates, opponents, coaching staff and officials etc. are considered **social contacts**. This references people you have had 15 minutes of face to face contact with, or have spent 2 hours in the same indoor space.

Should an individual receive a positive result they become a confirmed case. They are to inform the club, and the club is to share that information with the relevant opponents and officials on behalf of the individual.

If any social contacts of the confirmed case develop symptoms of Covid-19, they are to get tested and stay isolated until a negative result is produced. If no symptoms arise, there is no need for social contacts to quarantine.

If any teammates or team staff also share a home and have overnight stays, or spends more than 4 hours in a residential setting they become **close contacts**.

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During **Double-Header** Rounds

During double header matches for travelling teams, teams mates, coaching staff etc. will be considered **close contacts**. This references people you live or stay overnight with, or have spent more than 4 hours with in a 24 hour period (household or household-like persons).

Should an individual receive a positive result they become a confirmed case. They are to inform the club, and the club is to share that information with the relevant opponents and officials on behalf of the individual.

All close contacts of the confirmed case must quarantine for 7 days and get a test on day 1 and day 6 or immediately if they are symptomatic. It is a legal responsibility to follow all public health directives around quarantine and release from isolation as a close contact.

*Specific timing details will be updated to align with current public health directives.

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Contingencies for Confirmed Cases

Where Covid impacts one athlete per team:

- No change or exemption.

Where Covid impacts 2 - 3 athletes per team:

- Apply for 6-quarter rule exemption to allow 19&U to support Open
- Apply for underage exemption to allow younger club members to fill in for 19&U
- Apply for Premier League or First Grade players to fill in and have the STNA 20-qtr rule voided for Covid cover only.

Where Covid impacts 4 or more athletes:

- If the above options still do not allow for a team to be filled
 - The match will be cancelled and ruled a draw, with competition points being split
 - The afflicted team will need to provide evidence of exhausting the above options prior to requesting match cancellation due to Covid-related player unavailability.

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Contingencies for Confirmed Cases

Where Covid impacts a coach/manager:

- Apply for a lesser accredited coach to fill in where necessary.

Where Covid impacts officials (umpire/bench):

- BENCH: See if opposition has any available volunteers to fill roles left vacant (Netball Tasmania can help to facilitate this communication)
- UMPIRE: Apply the strategy to fill a vacancy as per any other illness or injury related unavailability.