



## Sydney Masters Hockey Association COVID-19 Case Reporting Requirements – Players and Officials.

This document outlines the ongoing hockey procedures and requirements Sydney Masters Hockey Association (SMHA) have put in place to ensure the safest possible 2021 hockey season. These procedures and requirements are in place for all competition players and officials.

If you have any queries about SMHA COVID-19 positioning please contact Greg Kay at [competition@smhockey.com.au](mailto:competition@smhockey.com.au)

### **Players and Clubs / Teams - Reporting COVID-19 cases (including possible cases) and procedure:**

Should a player be sent for COVID-19 testing:

- The player's club must inform SMHA by emailing [competition@smhockey.com.au](mailto:competition@smhockey.com.au) as soon as they are made aware of the player being tested.
- SMHA will then email all players (and relevant club) who may have come in contact with the player due to a competition game

**Note** – if the player had not played a game within the 2 weeks prior to testing SMHA will not send a notification. It remains the responsibility of each club to notify players who might have come in contact with the individual outside of competition games.

- SMHA requires that either the club or player notify SMHA [competition@smhockey.com.au](mailto:competition@smhockey.com.au) of the test outcome. Once this has been received, we will send a follow up notification to the players (and relevant club) communicated to.
- In order for the individual to be allowed to return to play they are required to present medical clearance. At no point will SMHA disclose the name of the individual being tested. The only information that will be communicated should there be a possible COVID-19 scare is the club and grade in which the player was encountered.

Disclaimer: This procedure does not replace the procedure of each venue as outlined in their COVID19 Plan submitted to Hockey NSW (HNSW). This procedure will be run independently and the expectation of SMHA is that if a venue is made aware of a possible and/or confirmed COVID-19 case SMHA will be informed. SMHA will also inform venues of all known possible and/or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

## **What Should individuals be doing if they are suspected or confirmed as having COVID-19:**

### **COVID-19 SUSPECTED CASE**

In the event an individual is suspected, at a hockey match, to be unwell the following protocol should be followed:

- Individual to be isolated immediately
- Individual to seek medical advice
- Individual to notify club designated contact person and SMHA using the above email address.

### **COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE**

In the event an individual is confirmed as having COVID-19 or be notified through contact tracing that they have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, the following protocol should be followed:

- Isolate and stay away from all hockey activity.
- Individual to notify club designated contact person and SMHA [competition@smhockey.com.au](mailto:competition@smhockey.com.au)
- Clubs designated COVID-19 contact person, will take direction from and work in liaison with Department of Health (DOH) Contact Tracing Unit and take advice about notification and contact tracing from club / team playing register or electronic match card attendance.
- Clubs / teams designated representatives may be required to inform other staff/team officials/ players that they may have been in contact with an individual who has tested positive to COVID-19.
- Return to activity will require a medical clearance. GP to provide clearance to individual to return to activity.
- Teams will not be required to be excluded from competition. Any decision to exclude will be based on advice received from the DOH Contact Tracing Unit.