
COVID-19 Policy - 003

What is COVID-19

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory infections. These can range from the common cold to more serious diseases. COVID-19 is a disease caused by a new form of coronavirus. It was first reported in December 2019 in Wuhan City in China.

Other coronaviruses include [Middle East Respiratory Syndrome \(MERS\)](#) and [Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome \(SARS\)](#).

Symptoms

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild illness to pneumonia. Some people will recover easily, and others may get very sick very quickly. People with coronavirus may experience symptoms such as:

- fever
- respiratory symptoms
 - coughing
 - sore throat
 - shortness of breath

Other symptoms can include runny nose, headache, muscle or joint pains, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, loss of sense of smell, altered sense of taste, loss of appetite and fatigue.

To stop the spread of COVID-19 people with even mild symptoms of respiratory infection should [get tested](#).

If you are concerned you may have COVID-19:

- use the [symptom checker](#)
- see how to [seek medical attention](#)
- see more about [how you can get tested](#)

Return to Play

The Queensland Government has implemented a staged approach in line with directions from National Cabinet and [Queensland's Roadmap to easing restrictions](#). As the end of each stage approaches, the Government will review the situation and health advice to make sure it's safe to move on to the next stage. At all stages the maximum number of people includes players, judges, spectators and any other person around the gathering. Canine Disc Australia (CDA) will sanction competitions in line with the Government's staged approach.

1. Purpose

This Policy sets out the guidelines clubs and members must take to mitigate the spread of the disease.

We will ensure that practices are implemented that help to reduce the transmission of the virus including the exclusion of any person (member, judge, volunteer or visitor) that is suspected, been in contact or has tested positive to having COVID-19.

We will ensure recommendations and health measures as mandated by the Health Department will be strictly adhered to at all times.

2. Definitions

Accredited food provider – business or group that complies with Government requirements and holds a food business licence issued by the relevant local Council.

Club – affiliated club, group or business with CDA.

Covid 19 – Refers to coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).

Board – the Board of Directors as appointed by the members.

Member – a person who is a current financial member of the organisation.

Judge – an accredited Judge of CDA.

Visitor – person who is not a member of CDA but is in attendance at an CDA sanctioned Event.

3. Responsibilities

Board: Responsible for providing guidance to affiliates & members on the implementation of this policy.

Members & Affiliates: Responsible for the implementation of this policy and compliance with COVID-19 protocols.

Exclusions:

This policy does not apply to personal interaction with:

- Social networking where a CDA member makes no reference to CDA or CDA related issues.
- Events, competitions or training which is not sanctioned by the CDA Board.

4. Policy Statement

4.1 Position and Profile

CDA seeks to ensure the safety of its Members & Affiliates, so as we can continue to enjoy the sport.

4.2 Attending Sanctioned Events

- Members, Judges, Volunteers and Spectators must not attend CDA sanctioned events or club training if they are unwell and/or experiencing symptoms as outlined on the Australian government health [website](#).
- Members, Judges, Volunteers, Spectators must not attend a CDA sanctioned event if in the last 14 days they have been unwell or had close contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.

4.3 Prevention of Spreading the Disease at sanctioned Competitions

COVID-19 spreads through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. A person can acquire the virus by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or eyes. A keyway Clubs can protect members and others from the risk of exposure to COVID-19 is by requiring members and others to practice good hygiene. Below are measures to ensure good hygiene at a sanctioned competition:

Clubs must direct members and visitors at the competition to practice good hygiene while at the event. Good hygiene requires everyone to wash their hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and drying them completely, preferably with clean, single-use paper towels. If paper towels are unavailable, other methods such as electric hand dryers can be used, however, hands will still need to be dried completely. Everyone must wash and dry their hands:

- before and after eating
- after coughing or sneezing
- after going to the toilet, and
- when changing tasks and after touching potentially contaminated surfaces.

An alcohol-based hand sanitiser with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol as the active ingredient must be used as per the manufacturer's instructions when it is not possible to wash hands. Good hygiene also requires everyone at the event to, at all times:

- cover their coughs and sneezes with their elbow or a clean tissue (and no spitting).
- avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth.
- dispose of tissues and cigarette butts hygienically, e.g. in closed bins.
- wash and dry their hands completely before and after smoking a cigarette.
- clean and disinfect shared equipment after use.
- wash body, hair (including facial hair) and clothes thoroughly every day.
- have no intentional physical contact, for example, shaking hands and patting backs.

Clubs are required to ensure that competitors and visitors have access to appropriate hygiene products at the competition such as paper towel, soap and alcohol-based hand sanitiser.

Clubs are too strongly encourage payments online. If cash is taken ensure good personal hygiene practices are adhered too.

If a member or visitor presents as unwell, they are to be immediately directed to leave the event.

4.4 Social Distancing

COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact for a prolonged period. Spread happens when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, and droplets from their mouth or nose are launched into the air and land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. The droplets can also be inhaled into the lungs.

Social distancing (also called physical distancing) is one way to help slow the spread of viruses and can help protect the people in our community who are most at risk of getting really sick from COVID-19. This includes:

- Stay home if you're sick. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, get tested.
- Keep 1.5 metres away from others as much as you can—think two big steps.
- Avoid shaking hands, kissing or hugging others.

Clubs hosting events are required to have adequate signage displayed in relation to social distancing requirements. Clubs will be required to have suitable processes in place which meet social distancing requirements for competitor's entry and exit from the playing field, field practice, judges briefing, awards and camping areas.

Judges and the Competition Secretary must maintain social distancing requirements with no unnecessary people on or near the playing field at any one time.

For Junior Competitors, if space at a venue permits a parent/guardian zone can be established. The zone must stay 1.5m distance from the Competition Secretary and Judges area.

4.5 Record Keeping

Contact tracing is a way of slowing the spread of infections by identifying people who have been in contact with an infected person.

All members and visitors are encouraged to subscribe to the Governments COVIDSafe App.

Clubs are to maintain records of attendance at sanctioned events and are to be kept for 60 days post the event.

Registers must include the date of entry, first name and surname, phone number, time in and out along with their club name/visitor status.

5. Breaches of this Policy

A breach of this policy may result in action being taken against you by CDA including termination of membership.

Any breaches of this policy are to be reported to the CDA Board immediately.