

Essendon District Football League (EDFL)

Match Day (Aberfeldie Primary School Venue – April to August 2021)

Organisation details

Provide organisation name, contact person, phone number, type of organisation, ABN, address.

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1. ENSURE PHYSICAL DISTANCING.

You must ensure participants, volunteers and organisers are 1.5 metres apart as much as possible.

Refer to Netball Victoria's Return to Community Netball guidelines.

- Return to Community Netball Guidelines – Clubs and Associations – Outdoor Venues

Site Overview

- The Aberfeldie Primary School Venue has approximately 25,000sqm of open space including the netball footprint (6,780sqm).
- EDFL will provide a Site Map clearly indicating how the venue space will be utilised to ensure physical distancing is met. The Site Map will be emailed to Club Representatives and posted to EDFL'S website (<https://essendonfl.com.au/netball/>)

Entry / Exit

- EDNA will clearly indicate, via signage, the Entry/Exit points to the venue.
- The Entry/Exit points will be indicated on the Site Map and communicated via Club Representatives (email) and posted on the EDFL website
- To minimise congregation at the Entry/Exit points, multiple QR code registration points will be provided at each point.
- Teams and Spectators will be required to arrive at the venue NO EARLIER than 20 minutes prior to their match time.

Match Timing

- EDFL has implemented a 55-minute match timeslot which allows 13 minutes for clearance of the Court Area and immediate spectator viewing area ("Match Area") between matches by Teams and Spectators.

Marshalling Areas

- Designated “marshalling” areas are indicated on the Site Map for Teams and Spectators to meet prior to and after entry to the venue at a safe distance to the Court Areas. At all times, physical distancing of 1.5metres must be observed.
- Teams and Spectators will not be allowed to enter the Court Area (Courts as fixtured) until it is cleared from the previous match – approximately 3 minutes after match completion.

Court Areas – Teams / Spectators

- EDFL will provide a Courts Area map to outline where Teams and Spectators are able to take position during match play. This will be published on the EDFL website.
- If not apparent on the Site or Courts Area Maps, the “Courts Area” is the netball courts and the immediate acrylic surface adjacent to the netball courts. It does include the grassed or soil-based areas adjacent to the court surface.
- At no times are Spectators allowed to take position on the Court Area.
- Permitted on the Court Area but no closer than 1.5metres of the sideline are:
 - One Scorer from each team along the Northern sideline of the court at approximately the halfway point of the netball court.
 - One Coach and up to three (3) “off-court” registered players from each team are allowed to take a position along the Northern sideline within a respective “goal third” of the netball court.
- The key changes to the access to the Courts Area (indicated on the Site Map) are:
 - **The areas to the West of the court areas (“Tennis Court side”) are not accessible** to Spectators. This is due to the limited space on the Western edge of the courts area. Teams will be allowed to place their equipment, bags and drinks in this area. Only off court Players for the respective teams may rest here during the match they are involved in.
 - **The areas to the East of the court areas are accessible for Spectators** but must be limited to a 15-metre distance to the East of the courts area. Physical distancing guidelines must be followed at all times.
 - **EDFL strongly encourages that Dogs are not brought to the venue.** However, if they are, as per normal City of Moonee Valley regulation, Dogs are not allowed within 15 metres of the court areas and must be always on a leash.

Admin / Toilets / Catering Areas

- Sufficient space is provided for in the venue to ensure safe distancing to all areas. Where there are exceptional circumstances, match day attendees will be required to wear a mask (See below – “Section 2 – Wear a Face Mask”)

2. WEAR A FACE MASK.

Refer to Netball Victoria’s Return to Community Netball guidelines.

- Return to Community Netball Guidelines – Netball Victoria Members
- Face Masks
- All EDFL club members will be provided with up-to-date recommendations about when to wear a face mask via the EDFL Website. This information is reviewed in line with public health advice <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-vic-covid-19>
- At the time of this document release, it is recommended everyone carry a face mask and wear their face mask when they are unable to socially distance.

3. PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE AND IMPLEMENT THOROUGH CLEANING PROTOCOLS.

Refer to Netball Victoria's Return to Community Netball guidelines.

- Return to Community Netball Guidelines – Clubs and Associations – Outdoor Venues
- Return to Community Netball - Guidelines for Netball Victoria Members

Information / Hygiene

- Signage will be provided at Entry / Exit points at the EDNA/EDFL match day venue to provide key messages:
 - If you feel unwell, stay at home
 - Wash your hands
- Hand Sanitiser will be provided at Entry/Exit points, Admin and First Aid Areas
- Players will be discouraged from shaking hands or making physical contact outside of match play
- Traditional team fruit and lolly/sweet sharing is strongly discouraged

Cleaning Protocols

- **Court / Match process**
 - EDNA will provide a suitable container (tub, bucket) at the Court Area (Scorers position) containing:
 - Cleaning solution (spray form)
 - Cleaning wipes (dispensable & disposable after single use)
 - Hand Sanitiser (for use of Umpires and Scorers)
 - Sealable bags for disposal of cleaning wipes
 - Match balls will be cleaned by the umpires immediately prior to each game
 - As per traditional practice, the Match ball will be provided to the Umpire by the team listed "first" on the scoresheet / fixture
 - Goal post padding cleaned by the umpires at the end of each game.
 - Umpires will sanitise their hands prior to and after cleaning match balls and goal posts
 - Clipboards and pens will be cleaned prior to being ready for collection at Admin area
 - Scorers will be encouraged to sanitise their hands after returning score equipment.
- **Other**
 - High touch surfaces regularly throughout the competition. – e.g. all First Aid surfaces (wheelchair, treatment table etc) and wiped after each use.
 - Toilet area will be cleaned prior to and periodically during match days

4. KEEP RECORDS AND ACT QUICKLY IF PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS OR ORGANISERS BECOME UNWELL

Refer to Netball Victoria's Return to Community Netball guidelines.

- Return to Community Netball Guidelines – Clubs and Associations – Outdoor Venues
- QR Codes - Dealing with a Suspected Case

Record Keeping

- EDNA/EDFL will utilise the Victorian State Government's (Services Victoria) QR code system to record attendance for everyone, except players (who's attendance is recorded on the scoresheet). The information is kept for 28 days according to Services Victoria policy.
- EDNA's QR code will be available at multiple locations at each Entry Point and the Admin Area.

Action

- EDFL advises all staff and participants to stay home if they feel unwell.
- Staff and participants are advised of any public exposure sites and asked to follow the relevant public health direction.

Where there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, clubs/teams should contact the EDFL nominated COVID SAFE nominated officer (Ian.kyte@essendonfl.com.au) who will follow the State Government guidelines found at <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/>

5. AVOID INTERACTIONS IN ENCLOSED SPACES

Refer to Netball Victoria's Return to Community Netball guidelines.

- Return to Community Netball Guidelines – Clubs and Associations – Outdoor Venues
- Return to Community Netball - Guidelines for Netball Victoria Members
- EDFL's primary location at Aberfeldie Primary School (courts, spectator, and marshalling areas) is outdoors.
- EDFL's Administration and Toilet facilities are located at the Aberfeldie Community Club (ACC) (7B Batman St, Aberfeldie, VIC, 3040).
- Signage will be in place to remind attendees to physically distance to 1.5metres .
- The ACC Administration area will be accessible to EDFL Operations staff only
- The ACC Toilets areas will be monitored during match days and queueing markers placed clearly

6. CREATE WORKFORCE/ACTIVITY BUBBLES

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- Return to Community Netball Guidelines – Clubs and Associations – Outdoor Venues

EDFL has limited the crossing over and of Teams and Spectators by implementing guidelines for pre- and post-match attendee movement, including:

- Designated pre-match marshalling areas.
- Instructions for pre- and post-match movement within the courts area

EDFL Match Day operations are conducted by a defined group of participants all of whom have specific designations for roles on match day including:

- Administration
- Match Day Supervisory

- Umpires/Umpires Supervisors
- First Aid
- Equipment management