



**Dear Clubs and Club Members,**

Last week CNSW sent out information to clubs arising from the Office of Sport (NSW). I have asked this information to be updated and added to the CNSW website this evening.

The information CNSW provides below comes from the NSW Health Department, and that is the source we will be relying on for future notifications.

The information about COVID-19 is evolving so it is important to **stay alert but not alarmed**.

**CNSW is following the current health advice from NSW Health which is available from:**

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

The board has taken a number of calls from concerned clubs about whether or not to hold events. To enable us to answer these we have been assessing the evidence provided from health professionals.

CNSW have decided to postpone and potentially extend the GC Pennants rounds that were due to commence in the next few weeks. **The event has NOT been cancelled.**

From the information available **if you are a club hosting a carnival or event** and you decide to go ahead then we suggest that you:

- Contact those who are going to attend/ officiate or compete and ask them to exclude themselves if they are unwell in anyway (Covid-19 or not), have had recent contact with anyone who is unwell (Covid-19 or not) or have returned from overseas travel within 14 days.
- If play goes ahead then cleaning hands, covering your coughs and sneezes are essential. Using your own water/drink bottle, no shaking hands, staying 1 ½ metres away from another player **and *being aware of your responsibility to protect others as well as yourself* is crucial.**
- If the club feels uncomfortable with the potential risk **then cancel or *simply postpone the event.***

***There is no risk worth accepting if you do not feel safe***

**If you are a player:**

- Please make yourself aware of the current NSW Health advice.
- You will need to make your own decision based on the evidence, your feelings about risk, recent contacts, your background health, and your family situation.
- ***Be aware of your responsibility to protect others as well as yourself***

While CNSW has chosen to heed the advice of NSW Health Dept. at this unusual time, we are not able to provide specific advice; each decision must be made individually.

Please take time to familiarise your selves with the above link to information and look after each other. Isolation can be scary and debilitating; kindness and awareness at this time is important. Not everyone has family and community outside croquet and there are other ways to keep in touch.

Stay well.... Kate and the CNSW board.