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UPDATED ADVICE TO MEMBERS RE COVID 19

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Thank you for your patience and engagement with Croquet SA as we move through these difficult times. We are incredibly grateful to our members for adhering to the rigorous restrictions put in place to protect us all and others from this virus. Croquet SA recognises the important contribution that croquet makes to active and healthy lifestyles as well as positive mental health for South Australians.

Croquet SA has been in daily contact with SAPOL and Office for Recreation and Sport during this time to proactively collaborate with them for a return to the sport. We are mindful of the challenges that our member demographic brings. As a result of our discussions, we advise that the previous restrictions on all croquet activity at clubs has been modified to allow restricted participation.

The Board reminds committees that each club is independently responsible for any gathering that may take place at their venue and as such may now determine whether to allow the lawns at the club to be used again for the purpose of practice. **The Clubrooms must still remain closed.** Any club agreeing to permit such gatherings is responsible for ensuring compliance with all Federal and State Government regulations in place, <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/events,-activities-and-gatherings>

Clubs should be aware that police are patrolling areas and that penalties for both clubs and individual members could apply for non-compliance.

Hutt Rd will remain closed for the time being and members will be updated about this in due course.

A summary of the restrictions on play is outlined below:-

- Members aged over 70, aged over 60 with pre-existing conditions, or Indigenous people aged over 50 should continue to adhere to the current advice and recommendation to stay home wherever possible for their own protection.
- No one should attend who has any cold symptoms or is sick.
- The clubhouse **must remain closed** at all times; only the lawns can be used.
- No more than **10** people can be at the club at any one time.

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- A **maximum of 4** people can be allocated to use each lawn at any one time.
- Players must always maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between them and there must be only one person per four square metres.
- Sanitiser must be available for use at the entrance to the facility and for each lawn
- Alcohol wipes or disinfectant spray must be available for each lawn's equipment and must be used on all equipment before and after play by the players.
- Timers and clips are not to be used.
- Balls should be handled as little as possible. Players should use their feet for ball placement in AC or any player may wear disposable gloves (supplied by clubs and which are put on just before and removed and disposed of after play)
- Players must leave the venue immediately after play and disinfecting equipment
- Players should practice good hygiene washing their hands for 20 seconds before and after play
- Outdoor handwashing facilities should be made available. Ideally outside toilets should be made available. Toilets inside the clubrooms are off limits.
- Competitions, community events should not be played at this time.
- Clubs may wish to implement a booking system to regulate numbers, allowing at least 15 minutes between each group.
- Coaching may be held in accordance with the above and with a limit of one coach and 2 people per lawn.

Once again, thank you for your patience in this regard. The Board encourages you to download and activate the Covid Safe app on your smartphone if you have one. Let us all continue to work together to keep ourselves, our family and each other safe while this crisis continues. Please remain vigilant and monitor your club's activities stringently.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Ferguson', written in a cursive style.

Eileen Ferguson
President
South Australian Croquet Association