



COMMUNITY SPORT AND SPORTSGROUNDS FAQS

Council is pleased to work with the sporting community for the resumption of community sport. We share your passion for sport and its role in maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. Hornsby Shire Council is following all state and federal guidelines to ensure this is done in a COVID-19 safe manner.

Council has developed a series of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for the resumption of community sport at our sportsgrounds.

When can I start training?

Council is working with sporting associations and clubs to facilitate the resumption of community sport. Bookings for training use will commence from Monday 25 May. Please refer to your local club or association for allocation and training times.

What training can I do?

All training will need to comply with the latest federal and state government advice and public health orders. Please refer to your state sporting body for more information on guidelines and the types of training that can take place.

How many people can attend training?

Please refer to the latest federal and state government advice and public health orders to ensure that group sizes are within recommended numbers. Each user of Council's facilities will need to carry out a risk assessment to ensure they are meeting any guidelines or recommendations that may be set out by the relevant state sporting bodies.

Will spectators and/or parents and caregivers be able to attend training?

Any person can attend a sportsground provided they adhere to the latest federal and state government advice and public health orders. Each Club will have more specific rules, however, about how spectators, parents or caregivers are to engage with Club officials or participants during training activities.

What cleaning will Council be carrying out of facilities?

Council will be increasing the frequency of cleaning toilets during this period. Change rooms will remain closed during the initial return to training as recommended in sporting code guidelines. Some Clubs will also be required to undertake their own further cleaning of amenities before and after use of a facility.

Will Council be providing soap in toilet facilities?

Council is progressively installing soap dispensers in public toilet facilities across the Shire. Due to current high demands from suppliers for dispensers, there may be a delay in these being installed at some facilities. Council will install these as a priority once supplies are available.

Will Council be providing hand sanitiser?

It is recommended that individuals bring their own sanitiser and that clubs also provide this when training is being carried out.

When will regular competition start?

Council has been ensuring that facilities are ready for competition at short notice, should federal and state government advice change. Council is working with sporting associations and clubs for both winter and summer sport to ensure equitable use of facilities, should competitions be permitted to commence.

Where can I find out further information?

Further information on returning to sport can be found on each of the relevant state sporting bodies websites.

<https://footballnsw.com.au/return-to-training/>

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/news/tags/covid-19>

<http://aflnswact.com.au/return-to-play/return-to-small-group-training-up-to-10/>

<https://www.nswrl.com.au/>

<https://www.rugby.net.au/news/COVID-19-Updates-x-16464.html>

<https://www.tennis.com.au/nsw/news-and-events/covidresources>

Further information on COVID-19 is available at health.nsw.gov.au and nsw.gov.au/covid-19
Information on changes to all Council services and facilities is available [here](#)