



Sport and Recreation

Large scale sporting venues Application for exemption

The latest easing of restrictions by the WA Government is due to the continued low number of new COVID-19 cases. The easing of restrictions will continue the process of re-starting the State's economy by helping to get more Western Australians safely back to work.

The current health advice is that we can cautiously begin to reopen or increase capacity of certain venues and facilities and increase indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings while of course continuing to practise physical distancing and good personal hygiene.

Phase 3 of the COVID-19 WA roadmap allows for indoor and outdoor gatherings of up to 100 patrons at any one time, per single undivided space, up to 300 patrons in total per venue (**referred to as 100/300 rule**), as well as a series of other measures.

Sport plays an important role in community development, social connections, physical and mental health. It is recognised that due to the large-scale nature of some active open spaces and multicourt venues in Western Australia, there may be some circumstances where a venue that has multiple indoor or outdoor spaces, or a combination of indoor and outdoor spaces can safely accommodate more than 300 patrons where a suitable protocol is followed. The intention of this protocol is to enable the recommencement of community sport and not to facilitate large number of spectators. Spectators should be kept to a minimum.

Exemption

A venue operator (that controls or operates the venue) can apply for approval to allow more than 300 patrons in a venue, for the purposes of sporting activities, on the condition it has sufficient square meterage to accommodate the total number, allowing for 2 square metres per patron, with up to 100 per undivided space, and there is suitable distancing between the gatherings.

An application for exemption will require a protocol to be approved for the venue which addresses the Assessment Criteria detailed below.

The Chief Health Officer or someone authorised for that purpose by the Chief Health Officer may require the inclusion of other and/or different matters in considering the application.

Irrespective of any approval, all other requirements as listed in the COVID Safety Plan – Sport and Recreation should be adhered to, and the Closure and Restriction (Limit the Spread) Directions (No 4) will continue to apply.

The Chief Health Officer, or someone authorised for that purpose by the Chief Health Officer, may withdraw any exemption granted by providing notice in writing to the venue operator.

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria must be addressed in the protocol which forms part of your application.

- 1 The total square meterage of the venue.
- 2 The total number of patrons you seek approval for across the venue at any one time (which cannot be more than the number of patrons you could have at the venue if there is at least 2 square metres for each patron).
- 3 The layout of the venue e.g. large multicourt venue (such as a netball centre) or a large multiple playing space venue (such as a sports park with multiple ovals and pitches). A site map must be included.
- 4 Provide details on how many patrons can be accommodated in each of the single undivided indoor and outdoor spaces, ensuring that each space accommodates no more than 100 patrons and there must be at least 2 square metres for each patron in the space.
- 5 The function (type/s of sporting activity that will be occurring at the venue).
- 6 How the spaces between gatherings and groups will ensure there is suitable distancing to prevent one gathering encroaching on another.
- 7 Outline the measures that will be taken to ensure any spectators remain 1.5m away from each other.
- 8 How the crossover times will be managed within these constraints, e.g. second session of players arriving before the first session has finished.

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Application

To apply for an exemption to operate the venue with more than 300 patrons **for sporting activities** only, please complete the attached application form and forward it (with any attachments, including your site map) to sportinfo@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Declaration

I declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Signature of applicant:

Name of applicant:

Dated:

(Please note: inserting your name electronically in the signature area will suffice as a signature)

Application For Approval of Proposed Protocol

Name of contact person for the application:

Name of organisation (local government / land manager, etc) applying for exemption:

Location:

Contact number:

Contact email:

Protocol: (Please address all of the following matters)

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- c) The layout of the venue e.g. large multicourt venue (such as a netball centre) or a large multiple playing space venue (such as a sports park with multiple ovals and pitches). A site map must be included.

Sitemap attached

- d) Provide details on how many patrons can be accommodated in each of the single undivided indoor and outdoor spaces, ensuring that each space accommodates no more than 100 patrons and there must be at least 2 square metres for each patron in the space.

e) The function (type/s of sporting activity that will be occurring at the venue).

f) Brief description of how the spaces between gatherings and groups will ensure that there is suitable distancing to prevent one gathering encroaching on another. Outline the measures that will be taken to ensure any spectators remain 1.5m away from each other. (200 words or less)

g) Brief description of how the crossover times will also be managed within these constraints (200 words or less)