

# ASSOCIATED INDEPENDENT COLLEGES



## STATEMENT

The AIC Cross Country Championships, Chess, Football and Rugby seasons commence this week. The Cross Country Championships will be held at Curlew Park, Shorncliffe on Wednesday 12 August and will be split into two stages to limit risk to participants, spectators, and staff.

The Chess competition will start on Friday, 21 August and Rugby and Football will commence on Saturday 22 August.

### ***Will there be COVIDsafe Plans in place?***

As always, the safety and well-being of our participants and the wider community is foremost in our planning. The *AIC COVIDsafe Return to Sport Plan* and venue safety plans are based on information from sports associations' governing bodies and Queensland Government Health guidelines and can be found on the AIC website. All member Colleges are committed to being vigilant and compliant to these plans. To assist with risk mitigation, families are also strongly encouraged to reinforce personal hygiene practices with their sons and ensure that they do not enter a venue if they have any of the zero tolerance symptoms including:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Continuous cough or sneezing
- Extreme nasal or chest congestion
- Loss of smell and/or taste
- Shortness of breath and/or fatigue

The change rooms at each venue will only be opened for First XI Football and First XV Rugby teams. All other students are required to arrive in their playing gear and leave straight after their match without changing. There will not be any post-match functions after First XI or First XV games.

### ***Are parents and other adults allowed to spectate at games?***

Restrictions have been placed on adult spectators attending fixtures. Adult spectators are only limited to parents or guardians. The limits to spectators include: Football, Rugby, and Cross Country – 2 parent/guardian spectators per player in all grades. Chess (indoor venues) – no parent/guardian spectators allowed.

Only 100 student spectators from each College will be permitted to the First XI and First XV games. There are no student spectators allowed for any other grade. Players and parents/guardians are asked to follow the "Get in-Play-Get out" requirement. It is essential that all players and adults depart straight after games so that crowd size and mingling can be limited as much as possible. To further

assist with this, adult spectators will be required to enter and exit at set points and scan into and out of the venue to allow for accurate contact tracing if required.

First XV and First XI games will be live streamed each week. Each member College will pass on the information to their own communities regarding access to these streams.

***What is different about AIC Rugby and Football compared to community club competitions?***

As the AIC association administers school sport for member Colleges, there are likely to be different expectations for adult and student participants than experienced at community club sports. **The Association is highly cognizant of the impact that a positive case may have on member school communities, including closure of schools. We respectfully require all adults to comply with the AIC and member College venue requirements and COVID safe plan, without exception.**

The venue expectations of the host College will be forwarded to participants and families by their own College in the week prior to the fixture. These expectations may differ between Colleges, but they will include information such as:

- Restriction of spectators at each venue.
- Recording of adult spectator attendance for contact tracing purposes.
- Entry and exit points for each sport at the venue.
- Movement around fields and other parts of the venue.
- Fixture schedules and game and spectator management at the venues.
- Expected hygiene measures and limited use of changerooms.

Player and official's attendance records will be recorded by each school. In the case of adult spectators, each College has purchased QR code technology of Eva Check-in, to register attendance. The system requires people to scan the QR code via their smartphone camera and then enter their details on their phone. This system is secure, contactless, and easy to use. Everyone is also encouraged to download the COVIDsafe App on their mobile devices to support government initiatives for community safety.

Further detail regarding Rugby League and Track and Field Championships will be communicated closer to the events.

The AIC is grateful that we can offer these sporting events to our students. We will continue to monitor Queensland Health guidelines and rules and will make any changes to the sporting competitions as required. The Management Committee appreciates your patience and understanding about the current circumstances and added compliance requirements that are expected during these times.

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