

AWTTA statement re COV-19/Coronavirus as per AWTTA Committee meeting at 1.00pm on Friday March 20, 2020, with all committee members present.

Guidelines:

AWTTA will adhere to guidelines from National & NSW Governments and TTV/TTA e.g. Currently indoor gatherings are restricted to 100 people with at least 4 square metres per person. *Note: when there are 80 participants in the playing area of AWTTA, there is over 12 square metres per person.*

Hygiene – Club:

- Cleaning often with effective disinfectant, including providing disinfectant for individual tables with players responsible for their tables.
- Soap dispensers in toilets.
- Store robots until further notice.

Hygiene – Personal:

- No shaking of hands or body contact
 - No wiping hands on tables
 - All players to bring a towel to wipe themselves off / wipe up any sweat on the tables.
 - Wash hands with soap and water regularly, between games.
- Individuals may like to bring their own hand sanitiser. It is difficult for the club to access this.

Social distancing:

- Maintain recommended distance where possible.
- Split Div 2 and Div 4 again if gathering limit reduced below 100.

Risk to others:

- If you are aware or suspect that you are a risk to others, do not attend.

Screen visitors/new members enquiries re:

- Overseas visits.
- Contact with someone with Coronavirus.
- Symptoms.
- Wellness.

Vulnerable:

- If you believe your health will be compromised by participation in a club activity, please make your own decision as to whether you attend or not. Remember to inform the co-ordinator. *Note: In Italy nearly all people who died had pre-existing conditions.*

Cancelled/postponed events:

- Keenagers Tournament, Shopping Centre promotions, Club social night, Vic Primary Cup (will now start in 2021), James Fallon HS school sessions, Interclub event (maybe 2021). Possibly Country Week (Not declared yet)

Continuing at this stage:

- Keenagers sessions, Summer Season (two more weeks), Murray HS school sessions, TTV EPIC (TTV will decide), Coaching (next on April 18), AW Junior Open and AW Senior Open tournaments scheduled in late August, Winter season (review and perhaps modify as necessary), Grading night for Winter season.

Changes to events:

- Need to cease junior sessions soon – April 1 (Cody to inform).
- Need to cancel Come & Try until further notice and any visitors to Sunday afternoon sessions should be screened.

Circumstances for closing club:

- If there is a confirmed case of a participant (or family member or close contact) having Coronavirus, the club will close for at least 24 hours for a complete professional disinfectant cleaning and the group(s) to which the affected participant belongs will not operate for minimum of two week.

Thanks for member support to date. We encourage all who are able to attend and enjoy Table Tennis within the guidelines above. Remember that there are significant social and health benefits in participating in Table Tennis, rather than merely focus on just the negative factor of Coronavirus.

If you do have comments or suggestions, please talk to the co-ordinator of your group.

Cheers
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