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OFFICIAL WINTER 2020 6-WEEK COMPETITION PROTOCOL

The NSW Government have announced that all community sport can recommence as of July 1, 2020. To ensure a safe return to competition, Sutherland Shire Oztag have put protocol in place that ALL players must familiarise themselves with.

Our Winter competition will not be run like usual – under the direction of the NSW Government and Australian Oztag, there are strict guidelines that MUST be diligently followed by all.

Please read the Official Safety Plan to protect the health and safety of yourself and your community.

OFFICIAL SAFETY PLAN FOR PLAYERS

1. Registrations will be made by over the phone payment.
2. Arrive ready to play, no sooner than 15 minutes before your game.
3. SIGN-ON – Players go straight to their field (which will be outlined on draws). ONLY the delegate will attend the designated sign-on table and mark each player present by ticking their names off. Delegates will be asked to use the hand sanitizer provided prior to marking off their team. It is vital that delegates sign-on appropriately (if a player tests positive, we need a record of who they came in contact with and when).
4. Sutherland Shire Oztag will supply hand sanitizer at each venue, but we advise that every player brings their own. Apply before taking the field, at half time and straight after full time.
5. Bring your own water bottle. DO NOT share!
6. Players must avoid high fives, shaking hands and spitting.
7. Interchange players on the sideline must maintain social distancing.
8. All players MUST vacate the venue immediately after full time. Do not loiter in a group.
9. Players playing in another timeslot later will need to return to their car and wait.
10. NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED – if a minor is playing, one parent/guardian may be in attendance but must maintain social distancing. Parents that are playing and unable to leave children at home, may have them on the sideline.



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11. We ask that ALL players consider the health of others before participating each week. DO NOT play if you are unwell or presenting symptoms.

Sutherland Shire Oztag will be diligent in implementing and maintaining the following safety strategies:

1. There will be a COVID-19 Safety Coordinator in a fluoro vest at every venue – they will be responsible for ensuring the safety plan is adhered to at each night of competition.
2. The game balls will be supplied by the association, NOT teams. Referees will clean the ball with a disinfectant wipe or spray at half time and full time.
3. Tags will be replaced with a fresh set after each night of competition.
4. ALL games will be 15-minute halves with a straight turnaround. The 15-minutes between games will allow for players to leave the venue and for others to arrive, avoiding over-crowding.
5. To ensure cleanliness of venues, staff will:
 - Continually clean common staff areas e.g. sign on table/bench.
 - Disinfect toilet taps at regular intervals during the night
 - Hand soap and sanitizer will be placed in toilets
 - COVID-19 posters to be placed in toilets re: hand washing
 - COVID-19 poster to be placed around venue re: social distancing
 - Disposable gloves and masks to be kept ready for use by staff and possible symptomatic players

Management of symptomatic person

- If a player presents with symptoms or becomes unwell staff should immediately wear PPE.
- Supply the symptomatic person with a mask
- Open a change room & isolate the person.
- Notify the public health organization in our area. E.g. Hospital
- Organize transport

Sutherland Shire Oztag look forward to reuniting with our community and getting everyone back on the field. We will continue to provide updates on our website and Facebook page when necessary.

Our priority is the health and safety of all players and staff, so all we ask is that you remain CAUTIOUS, INFORMED AND DILIGENT in return.

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