



# Reopening QLD Pools.

**#WeALLSwimTogether**

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# Preface

- This presentation contains information and ideas to stimulate discussion.
- There are links to official sites and information for your reference and use.
- COVID-19 advice and information changes rapidly – Refer to the most recent official information and advice before implementing any solutions or taking action.
- Everyone will be in different situations, use what is relevant
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# Agenda

- Industry Management Plan
  - Examples
- Sport Approved Plan
- Swimming Australia Guidelines
- Q&A



# Swimming Pool and Aquatic Centre Industry COVIDSafe Plan

## **The Industry Approved Plan**

6 sections:

- COVIDSafe Industry Checklist
- Best Practice Guidelines
- Applicable Health Directions
- Review and Risk Management Considerations
- Statement of Compliance
- Other Information (FAQs and contact info)

**Essential for clubs and coaches to talk with facility managers**

# Swimming Pool and Aquatic Centre Industry COVIDSafe Plan

## **Venue with Multiple Pools/Spaces:**

- Each pool/space should be defined
- Define and display capacity limits and control measures to ensure compliance.
- Buffer zones in place between dedicated spaces and/or groups of 20

## **Buffer zones:**

A buffer zone can be:

- 1 spare lane (1.5m) between groups
- A boom/bulkhead
- A screen
- A roped off section

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## **Patrons of school age or younger (17 and under)**

- No limit on number of swimmers per lane or per pool.
- Contact teaching is allowed as such parameters around social distancing will not always be practical for in-water swimming lessons.
- Buffer zone required between areas with children and adults to avoid contact or mingling between groups whilst swimming.
- Squads with a mix of school age and adults need to be segregated so that swimmers who are 18 years or older have a buffer zone between them and school age children.

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## Adults patrons:

- Indoor/Outdoor pool capacity limited to max 1 person/10sqm of water surface area.
- Booking/Allocation systems in place to record/trace patron details
- All indoor area capacity limited to a maximum of 1 person per 4sqm.
- Outdoor Open Area Space limited to groups of 20 people for outdoor sporting-based activities, with no more than one person per 4 square metres and social distancing.
- All groups limited to 20 people, venue capacity limits and social distancing between groups.
- Buffer zone enforced between areas with children and adults to avoid contact or mingling between groups whilst swimming.
- Capacity limits - refer to Patron numbers in each pool or space. Appropriate staffing in place to ensure safety of patrons in line with Royal Lifesaving Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations

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## Example 1:

25m pool with 6 lanes 1.5m wide = 225m<sup>2</sup>.

- All adults, calculate capacity per pool. Capacity of 22 adults. Max group size = 20. Split into groups (i.e. different ends of the pool or lining up on the lane rope) with a buffer zone between groups.
- Mix of school age or younger and adult patrons in the same pool, buffer zone of 1.5m (e.g. spare lane) required between groups. **Determine the capacity according to space allocated for adult patrons.** In addition, the max group size for adults is 20. This means, if your pool size caters for more than 20 adult patrons, they must be split into different groups.



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## Other Examples:

- 25m pool with 8 x 1.5m wide lanes
  - Lanes 1-4 school age or younger swimming with no restriction on number per lane or group size
  - Lane 5 is a buffer zone
  - Lanes 6-8 adult patrons swimming, restricted to 11 patrons
- 50m pool with 10 x 1.5m wide lanes and no bulkhead in place
  - Lanes 1-4 school age or younger swimming with no restriction on number per lane or group size
  - Lane 5 is a buffer zone
  - Lanes 6-10 adult patrons swimming, restricted to a max of 37 patrons. Must be split into 2 groups for contact tracing purposes and practice social distancing when static (i.e. different ends of the pool, lining up on the lane rope etc.).

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## Other Examples:

- 50m pool with 10x1.5m wide lanes with a bulkhead to split into 2x25m pools
  - End 1
    - Lanes 1-10 school age or younger swimming with no restriction on number per lane or group size
  - End 2
    - Lanes 1-10 adult patrons swimming, restricted to a max of 37 patrons. This means, the 37 must be split into 2 groups with a buffer zone enforced between groups. This may be achieved with an empty lane between the 2 groups.

# QSport Approved Plan

- Designed for Sport/Clubs
- Swimming Referenced in it
- For Swimming refers to Swimming Pool and Aquatic Centre Industry COVIDSafe Plan



# Key concepts: Swimming Australia Restarting Club Environments

## Recommendations to Minimise Risk

- COVID-19 Liaison Person
- Equipment
- Communication Plan
- Operations

## Coach Guidelines

- Be clear and consistent – swimmers and parents
- Widespread use of COVID-19 App
- Dryland activities follow social distancing requirements
- Health Survey questionnaire
- Avoid changing rooms



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## What To Do If Someone Becomes Sick While Training

- Have a plan for communicating this up and out
- Swimmers must see a physician and be cleared if suspected of having COVID-19
- Balance individual's privacy and public safety

## Protecting Against Infection

- Avoid touching face
- Keep distance from athletes
- Come ready to swim
- No gathering before or after training

## Checklists

- Resumption of Club Swimming Checklist
- COVID-19 Health Questionnaire

# Links for reference

## Queensland

- [QLD Industry Approved Plans](#)
- [QAIA Industry Approved Plan FAQs](#)
- [Aquatic Sport Sector Industry COVIDSafe Plan](#)
- [QLD Sport and Recreation](#)

## Other States

- [ACT Sport and Recreation Plan](#)
- [NSW Sport and Recreation Recourses](#)
- [NT Sport and Recreation Plan](#)
- [SA Sports – Step 1](#)
- [TAS Sport and Recreation Plan](#)
- [VIC Sport and Recreation Plan](#)
- [WA Sport and Recreation Plan](#)

# Open Forum

## Question and answer time

- Type your questions into the Chat facility
- Un-mute yourself and ask a question