

HORSLEY ZONE SOFTBALL GUIDELINES TERM 1 2021



In line with health advice, schools are operating full time, and many additional activities, including all school sport competitions that cover Zone and PSSA will commence in Term 1.

For the safe and effective return to Term 1 PSSA Softball, the following requirements need to be considered and put into place. The requirements and guidelines are subject to change in line with Department advice and updates.

- Parents/carers may attend summer PSSA games, however, they must follow COVID-safe practices and physical distancing of 1.5 metres from other adults (including staff) must be maintained.
- Students that display any respiratory illnesses prior to or during play are to be excluded. (Students with known asthma are exempt from exclusion if they require Ventolin)
- Each school to keep a record of attendees each Friday (students and staff)
- Only DET staff, Medics and umpires are to have contact with students.
- Each school to have their own hand sanitiser (to be used prior to starting the game) and anti-bacterial wipes
- All students are to wash their hands thoroughly/use sanitiser, after using toilet facilities at sporting fields.
- Avoid unnecessary body contact. No handshakes, high fives or hugs.
- Team water bottles **must not** be provided. Each player to have their own labelled water bottle.
- PSSA uniforms must not be shared between players.
- Cones are to be provided by individual schools and used to mark student sitting areas.
- All teachers are to ensure students remain in their designated sitting areas.
- **Each school needs to provide 2 softballs.** The fielding teams of the respective schools are the only students who are allowed to touch the ball. If a ball is touched by someone who is not on the fielding team, that ball will need to be sanitised and the second ball will be used instead.
- Bats need to be sanitised after each innings and between the boys' and girls' game.
- Students are encouraged to use their own softball equipment as long as it meets the same safety standards as the school equipment.
- Catcher's equipment needs to be sanitised, if the catcher is substituted mid game and when catcher's equipment is swapped between male and females catchers.
- Shin pads need to be sanitised between the boys' and girls' game. (It is preferable for each player to be wearing their own shin pads, whether they are provided by the school or their own personal shin pads)
- Helmets need to be sprayed/wiped down with non-alcoholic spray/wipes when swapping between players.
- In the event of any issues, please ensure there is communication between the school coaches in attendance. If further follow up is required, please inform your school sport co-ordinator.

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