

COVID-19: Cleaning Protocols for Clubs

Shared Sports Equipment

Refer to your State Sport Organisation or association for information or guidelines on cleaning equipment specific to your sport, for example footballs, flags, marker cones etc.

1. Purpose

This protocol is to provide a general understanding for the proper cleaning and disinfecting measures to be taken for shared equipment sporting equipment.

2. Important Notes

Refer to the protocols for ***Managing Cleaning Equipment, Products and PPE*** and ***Frequently Touched Surfaces*** for specific information on how to clean and disinfect; how to use PPE, and suitable products for disinfecting.

3. Use of Equipment and Appropriate Cleaning

Personal protective sporting equipment (e.g Helmets, pads, groin protectors, mouthguards, masks, gloves etc) should not be shared where possible. This equipment should be provided by the participant.

Uniforms or bibs is encouraged not be shared. If shared, they are used by an individual user for that training session and are washed with warm water and detergent following use and allow to dry before a different user.

Shared sporting equipment (e.g. Bats, balls, markers) may be shared. If shared it is recommended they are cleaned and disinfected in line with the Frequently Touched Surfaces Protocol. If the equipment needs to be used by multiple groups, it is recommended the equipment is cleaned and disinfected in between use by different groups with at least anti-bacterial wipes.

4. Records Management

It is recommended (best practice) for Clubs to keep a record of the date and all times that cleaning and disinfecting has taken place for each set of equipment.

5. More Information

Australian Government Department of Health

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information about routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in the community - <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-about-routine-environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-in-the-community>

COVID Safety Guidelines – Sport and Recreation

https://www.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-06/COVID-Safety-Guidelines-Phase-4-Sport-and-Recreation_0.pdf