

Good Evening All,

The VJBL Administration have reviewed our previous communication regarding the enforcement of wearing Face Masks in stadiums, to ensure the safety of all association staff and to keep conflict to a minimum.

While the Government mandate that all **patrons over 12 years of age must wear a mask while inside (excluding players and referees during games)** we are conscious that if association staff, VJBL staff and/or officials trying to enforce this rule could bring themselves into harms way.

In accordance with [Basketball Victoria RTS guidelines](#), all associations are required to inform all coaches, team managers and players of their requirements, however we do not want to put you in a place where you would need to confront someone that was not complying or have someone confront you because you have captured an image of them not wearing a mask. It is our belief that any non-compliant persons are making a decision for themselves and therefore breaking the law as set by the Victorian Government. Therefore if there was to be a Government Enforcement Officer attending the stadium, they would need to provide evidence that they have a medical exemption to not wear a mask and it is on them to do so.

For clarity, the requirement within our Return to Sport Guidelines is provided below, however we no longer require Association staff to actively seek out people not wearing masks and to take photos for punishment by the VJBL at a later date. We hope that this will alleviate any risk of confrontation or unnecessary conflict on the night and allow all VJBL participants to enjoy a return to sport.

**[Basketball Victoria RTS Guidelines](#);**

Masks are not required while on court during games for players and referees participating in an exertive role, however, must be worn while not playing and on entry and exit of stadium. Coaches (including during games) and all other patrons over 12 years of age - must wear a mask at all times while indoors unless medically exempt.

Finally, we understand that some venues will have their own policies relating to conditions of entry. We will leave it up to the individual venues to manage their staff as they deem appropriate, we simply do not wish to impose additional requirements on associations.

Regards

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