

## **ADVISORY TO THE SPORTING FRATERNITY**

The Ministry of Health (“MOH”) issued an advisory entitled “Additional Precautionary Measures to Prevent Further Importation and Spread of COVID-19 Cases” on 13 March 2020 and additional Safe Distancing Measures to Prevent Further Spread of COVID-19 Cases dated 20 March 2020. In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation, Sport Singapore (SportSG) is providing operational guidance on physical distancing measures.

### **Programmes, Events & Recreational Sport Participation**

2 All senior-centric activities organised by government agencies have been suspended till 7 April 2020 to minimise transmission risk. We advise organisers from the private sector to follow suit given that seniors (aged 50 and above) are a more vulnerable group.

3 All organised ActiveSG children and youth-centric programmes will be suspended with immediate effect until 7 Apr 2020 to minimise transmission risk in consideration of the efforts by schools. We advise all private academies and clubs, as well as our partners to follow suit.

4 With immediate effect, all events and gatherings with 250 or more participants in attendance at any one time must be suspended or cancelled.

5 When the scale of the gathering has been reduced to below 250 participants at any one time, the organiser may proceed on the principle that there is minimal close contact between participants, and they can exercise personal responsibility to remain 1m apart. Organisers must implement the following precautionary measures:

- a. Reduce crowding of participants as follows:
  - i. Cancel or modify all components that require or precipitate close contact within 1m between participants.
  - ii. Implement a queue management system where necessary. Space participants out in the queue with clear demarcations (e.g. install floor markers with queue distancing of at least 1m).
  - iii. Stagger entry and exit timings to the event or venue. Consider implementing an alert-based entry system (i.e. visitors arrive at the entry point when they receive an alert).
  - iv. Ensure strong access control for proper screening.
  - v. Seating arrangements are to adopt a separation distance of at least 1m between participants (e.g. leave one or two vacant seats between participants or implement chequerboard seating), except where participants are related (e.g. families or couples).
  - vi. Remind participants to maintain a distance of at least 1m from each other.

- b. Display notices and posters in prominent places to remind patrons to comply with relevant prevention and control measures (e.g. avoid shaking hands, wipe down gym equipment, wash your hands with soap, practice good personal hygiene). You may refer to <https://www.moh.gov/covid-19/resources> for the latest notices and posters.
- c. Advise participants to practice social responsibility, including monitoring their own health condition and avoiding attending the event if unwell.
- d. Put in place temperature screening and health declaration measures, including turning away participants who are unwell or whose health declarations pose risk. Capture particulars for contact tracing.
- e. Organisers are encouraged to promote the use of the Govtech-produced app [\[https://www.tracetogether.gov.sg\]](https://www.tracetogether.gov.sg).

### Venues and Facility Operations

6 Partners who operate or facilitate events/classes for the public and/or members at venues are to implement the following precautionary measures to reduce close contact between individuals:

- a. Reduce operating capacity by limiting the number of patrons within the venue at any one time to practically enable one to exercise physical distancing.
- b. Implement a queue management system to enter the venue. Space participants out in the queue with clear demarcations (e.g. install floor markers with queue distancing of at least 1m).
- c. Seating arrangements are to adopt a minimum separation distance of at least 1m between patrons (e.g. leave one or two vacant seats between participants or implement chequerboard seating, except where participants are related (e.g. families or couples).
- d. Ensure strong access control to facilitate proper screening.
- e. Stagger entry and exit timings to the venue (e.g. entry and exit by batches of participants). Consider implementing an alert-based entry system (i.e. visitors arrive at the entry point when they receive an alert).
- f. Adopt e-payment modes to minimise the handling of cash.
- g. Conduct frequent disinfection of common spaces. Increase frequency of cleaning for surfaces and interactive components within the venue (e.g smart kiosks, turnstiles). Place hand sanitisers near frequently touched surfaces like door handles.
- h. Put in place temperature screening and health declaration measures, including turning away patrons who are unwell or whose health declarations pose risks.
- i. Capture the particulars of event participants for contact tracing. Event organisers are encouraged to promote the use of the Govtech-produced app [\[https://www.tracetogether.gov.sg\]](https://www.tracetogether.gov.sg).

- j. Provide hand sanitisers to frontline staff who handle cash and other payment devices and are unable to wash their hands frequently with soap and water.

7 Organisers who conduct classes and programmes on private premises and or in schools should not continue with their programmes unless they can demonstrate how they can isolate their students.

8 Organisers are encouraged to participate in SG Clean programme to have its establishment certified. For more details on the programme, please refer to [www.sgclean.gov.sg](http://www.sgclean.gov.sg).

9 Please remain vigilant and to refer to the latest advisories and updates on MOH's website. The above advisories for events, gatherings, workplaces and public venues will be subject to further review based on the global and local situation. The health and safety of our patrons are SportSG's priority, and we thank you for your continued support and understanding.

10 Please share your opinion with us at [SPORT\\_QSM@sport.gov.sg](mailto:SPORT_QSM@sport.gov.sg) as we together stay safe and healthy.