

Tasmanian Club de Tango – COVID-19 Safety Plan

The following plan outlines the strategies to be implemented for events operated by the Tasmanian Club de Tango (Club). It has been developed with reference to the COVID Safe Workplace Guidelines for Sport and Recreation Industry.

Current regulatory context in Tasmania

It is difficult to find specific regulations directly pertaining to the type of activities of the Tasmanian Club de Tango so every effort has been made to find the most applicable regulations and requirements and ensure that the Club meets these in any planned events and activities. The following has been taken from the <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/> website;

Additional requirements for licensed venues.

Restrictions remain in place for dancing in all venues where food and alcohol is consumed because of the increased risk of close contact, particularly where alcohol is consumed, and difficulty of tracing contact among patrons. This restriction will be in place at least until the end of 2020.

Dancing is only permitted when it is pre-arranged, held in a separate room to where food and alcohol is consumed and contact information is recorded. For example, the following can occur:

- a pre-arranged dance class in a separate room of a pub;
- dance classes or dancing in a community hall; and
- water, tea, coffee and other non-alcoholic drinks could be consumed in the same room as a dance class or dancing.

The only other exception is dancing at a wedding reception. The wedding couple, their parents/guardians and other bridal party members can dance.

The management of risk associated with these activities must also be covered in a venue's COVID-19 Safety Plan.

If someone hires a venue, such as a community hall, they share with the venue owner/operator the responsibility for managing dance and other activities, including physical distancing and facilitating a safe entry and exit to the premises.

Operating Tasmanian Club de Tango activities

The following requirements are also applicable to our events and will be adhered to.

- Maximum allowable numbers of the people for indoor events is 250
- The maximum density limit is one person per 2 square metres.
- Where practicable, attendees should maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

For the purposes of applying the measures related to participant numbers and recording participant details events and activities operated by the Club will be closed events. This means that they will not be open to the public and pre booking will be required by those wishing to attend and participate. New participants will be welcome but will be expected to follow the same requirements for registration and pre booking.

Classes

- The contact details will be collected for those registering to attend will be retained for used for contact tracing purposes in the event of a COVID-19 infection being identified within the group.
- Those participating in classes will be expected to register as a couple for the purposes of the class and swapping of dance partners during the class will be avoided.
- During dancing activities, a distance of 1.5 meters will be encouraged between couples while on the dance floor.
- The dance floor capacity will be calculated based on the 1.5 meters requirement and only a maximum number of couples will be allowed on the floor at any time
- If classes for learning and practicing techniques without partners are provided these will comply with the same distancing requirements articulated above.

Milongas

- The contact details will be collected for those registering to attend will be retained for used for contact tracing purposes in the event of a COVID-19 infection being identified within the group.
- A screening assessment will be completed prior to entry to an event to record if a participant has symptoms indicative of COVID-19 infection or risk factors related to contacts or travel.
- During dancing activities, a distance of 1.5 meters will be encouraged between couples while on the dance floor.
- The dance floor capacity will be calculated based on the 1.5 meters requirement and only a maximum number of couples will be allowed on the floor at any time
- Changing partners will be permitted at the discretion of the individual dancer.
- A record of dance partnerships for each Tanda will be kept for the purposes of contact tracing in the event of a COVID-19 infection being identified.

Additional measures

Food and beverages:

- At all events where people are invited to bring food or beverages, they will be expected to bring their own utensils for this purpose, not to share beyond their registered partner or identified social 'bubble' and to remove all remaining food, drink, containers and utensils from the venue.

Cleaning and hygiene:

- Hand sanitiser will be available on entry and within the venue. Participants will be encouraged to use this on entry and between dance partners.
- All seating and touch points within the venue will be cleaned with appropriate disinfectant solution and equipment at the beginning and end of the event.

References

Information sources supporting the development of this plan.

<https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/>

<https://www.worksafe.tas.gov.au/>

<https://www.sportaus.gov.au/return-to-sport>

<https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/collection/covid-19-resource-kit>