

Tasmanian Club de Tango – COVID-19 Safety Plan

Updated – 20 December 2021

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 Tasmanian Government through its public health authorities have provided regulations to be followed and guidelines to be adopted where applicable. These can be found on the <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/> website.

In addition to the ongoing guidelines, advice, and mandates, there are directives issued by public health and other authorities that may from time to time alter the principles set out below. Tasmanian Club de Tango will endeavour to keep up to date with these and issue interim adjustments as they are required or mandated.

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 a range of measures will be put in place for all Club events and activities. These include classes, milongas and general and committee meetings where these are held in public or hired venues.

Contact tracing:

- All those in attendance whether participating or observing will be required to register their attendance on entry using the [Check in TAS app](#).
- For Milongas and special events the Club also maintains its own list of attendees which may be used in the event of an identified transmission of COVID-19.

Monitoring of own health and risks:

- Notices regarding events and at event entry points will advise people of the need to stay away or not enter if symptomatic of respiratory infections or known COVID risks.
- The Tasmanian Club de Tango accepts that vaccination is the strongest defence against COVID-19 and encourages all participants in club events to be vaccinated as per the state and federal public health guidelines. While the Club does not intend making vaccination status an entry requirement, individuals may choose to ask potential dance partners about their vaccination status and these enquiries, and any decisions made to dance or not should be respected.

Social distancing:

- 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 2 square meter per person rule and only a maximum number of couples will be allowed on the floor at any one time
- If activities for learning and practicing techniques without partners are provided these will comply with the same distancing requirements articulated above.

Other protective measures:

- Hygiene products such as hand sanitiser and wipes will be made available at events and participants encouraged and reminded to use them where appropriate.
- The wearing of face masks is also recognised as a significant measure in reducing the spread of infection and as such dancers may choose to wear a mask at club events and this choice will be respected. Masks will be made available by the Club at Club events.
- Where people are invited to bring food or beverages, they will be expected to bring their own utensils for this purpose and remove all remaining food, drink, containers, and utensils from the venue.

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>

Interim measures:

The Tasmanian Public Health Director has implemented a mandatory mask wearing measure from midnight on the 20th December 2021. This mandate requires the wearing of masks in all non-domestic indoor settings.

In relation to sporting or exercise activities the mandate is that;

"Masks are required in indoor sporting and exercise facilities - for example fitness studios and gyms - except while doing intense physical exercise - for example, playing a game of indoor netball - or swimming.

The kinds of activities that will be 'intense physical exercise' will vary between individuals but as a general rule, you can remove your mask if you are out of breath or puffing. Masks are required to be worn while doing other activities that are not intensive - for example, stretching." [Mandatory mask wearing in public | Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)

While this does provide room for interpretation and the proposition that dancing could be considered an 'intense physical exercise', the principle here is that masks may be removed if impeding breathing during exercise. While dancing may be vigorous enough to meet this principle, it is not an essential requirement of the activity. In addition, the act of dancing with a partner, through the closeness of the interaction, places a higher risk of transmission than usual social interaction.

As such it will be expected that participants in any Club events will wear a face mask within the venue of those events, including while dancing, for the duration of this mandate.