

# ATCA COVID-19 Playing Conditions – Replacement Player/s

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These playing conditions have been written to assist clubs in managing the impact of a player/s that tests positive for COVID-19, displays COVID-19 symptoms, or is prevented from participating in a match as a result of applicable SA Health COVID-19 public health guidance

These playing conditions shall not override any of an Association's already existing COVID-19 risk management playing conditions.

## 1 COVID-19

- 1.1 The Association has the power to make a direction that a match cannot proceed as scheduled or, if already underway, be suspended from being further played due to events including, but not limited to;
  - 1.1.1 a direction of the South Australian Government impacting the ability for a team to participate in the match due to a COVID-19 lockdown
- 1.2 In the first instance and if possible, where a match is abandoned in accordance with section 1.1.1 above, that match may be rescheduled by the Association.
  - 1.2.1 if the match has commenced but day 2 is abandoned in accordance with section 1.1.1 above, the match may resume on a rescheduled day (as approved by the Association) at the point where the last ball was played.
- 1.3 The Association has the power to make a direction that in a match which has commenced, that a COVID-19 Replacement player/s can be activated if, but not limited to;
  - 1.3.1 a direction of SA Health arising from or in relation to a case of COVID-19 impacting the ability for a team to participate in the match;
  - 1.3.2 a case (or suspected case) of COVID-19 impacting the ability for a team to participate in the match, as determined by SA Health;
- 1.4 If the scheduled match cannot be rescheduled or more than 3 players from one team are required to be replaced, the game shall be abandoned and points distributed as per 1.5.
- 1.5 If, or more than 3 players from one team are required to be replaced, each team will be awarded:
  - 1.5.1 if a result hasn't already been achieved match points for a draw as per the Association bylaws; plus (if applicable)
  - 1.5.2 the greater of the average bonus points achieve in the other games, or the points they have already achieved
  - 1.5.3 if the match has started but day 2 is abandoned, all individual player statistics will continue to be officially recorded for historical purposes
- 1.6 If any Minor Finals preceding the Major Final is unable to be rescheduled as per Clause 1.1.1 then the team which finished higher on the points table at the completion of all preliminary matches shall progress to the Major Final.
- 1.7 If the Major Final is unable to be rescheduled as per Clause 1.1.1 then the team which finished higher on the points table at the completion of all preliminary matches shall be declared the winner of the Final.

## 2 COVID-19 – REPLACEMENT PLAYERS/S

- 2.1 Each captain shall nominate their players in writing as per Association Bylaw D1. No player may be replaced after the nomination without the consent of the opposing captain, apart from the COVID-19 Replacement which will be managed in accordance with the below.

NOTE: The captains are not required to nominate the COVID-19 Replacement/s prior to the start of the match. COVID-19 Replacement/s will be managed on a case by case basis in accordance with the below.

2.2 If during the course of the relevant match a player tests positive for COVID-19, or is prevented from participating as a result of applicable SA Health COVID-19 public health guidance, a COVID-19 Replacement may be permitted in the following circumstances

2.2.1 The positive test for COVID-19; direction to self-isolate; or proof of testing in the form of written confirmation received from SA Health preventing participation is formally confirmed by the participating Club Secretary to the Association

### **3 Activation of COVID-19 Replacement**

3.1 Prior to the commencement of day 2, the Club Secretary shall submit a COVID-19 Replacement request via the COVID-19 Replacement Form (Appendix A) which shall:

3.1.1 Identify the relevant player

3.1.2 Provide written evidence from SA Health confirming the player has tested positive for COVID-19 or is prevented from participating as a result of applicable COVID-19 public health guidance; and

3.1.3 Nominate a like-player for approval by the Association as the COVID-19 Replacement for that player for the remainder of the match concerned

3.1.4 If the nominated Replacement player is currently playing in a lower team or grade that player will be able to be replaced accordingly

3.2 If a player displays symptoms of COVID-19 throughout the duration of play on day 1 or 2, or the morning of day 2 where application via the Club Secretary to the Association is not feasible:

3.2.1 The player showing COVID-19 symptoms must not attend and/or leave the venue immediately and get tested as soon as possible as per SA Health direction.

3.2.2 The affected team Captain (or Vice-Captain if Captain is displaying symptoms) may approach the opposition Captain and request a COVID-19 Replacement as follows:

3.2.2.1 Verbally identify the relevant player

3.2.2.2 Verbally nominate a like-player as the COVID-19 Replacement for that player for the remainder of the match concerned

NOTE: The Captain's responsibility may be delegated to a Coach if a Junior Cricket Team. It is expected that the Captain and Opposition Captain will consider the request within the Spirit of Cricket

3.2.3 If declined by the opposition Captain (or Junior Coach), there is no appeal process and the affected club cannot replace the player showing COVID-19 symptoms

3.2.4 If approved by the opposition Captain, the affected Club Secretary must provide the Association written evidence from SA Health within 48 hours confirming the player was tested the same day

3.2.4.1 Failure to do so will result in loss of all points for that match

3.3 Once approved, the COVID-19 replacement may immediately participate in the match as a complete replacement player as per Bylaw D37.

### **4 Return to play of COVID-19 Replacement**

4.1 When a COVID-19 Replacement substitute/s occurs, the affected Club Secretary must provide written evidence from SA Health confirming their clearance of COVID-19 or ability to depart self-isolation to the Association prior to participating in any further Association fixtures.

4.2 Failure to do so will result in loss of all points for that match

