

## Covid-19 Restrictions at HMAC field June 20

The Government of SA has issued a new directive easing restrictions on activities. See

[Emergency Management \(Public Activities\) \(COVID-19\) Direction 2020](#)

As a consequence, we can ease our restrictions. We can increase the number flying at the field to 20, provide limited access to the club room and club shed and relax the rule of closing the gate on entry. Please note that the good hygiene and social distancing 1.5 m and 4 m<sup>2</sup> rules still apply to all activities at the field. We are developing procedures that will allow resumption of pylon and allow resumption of rostered instruction very shortly. We hope to publish these early next week. They will then be added to this document and a revised version released to include those activities.

The new conditions are:

1. The field will be open to a maximum of 20 members for general flying. Members of the public may enter as spectators but are restricted to the carpark and public viewing area and must maintain social distancing. In effect this limits the number that can be present in the viewing area. Members of the public may not mix with the members in the pits area. The gate may be left open on entry, but of course the last to leave must lock it. The external toilet will remain open but strict hygiene must be practiced. Priority in the pits area flying group is for members that bring a model for flying. A member who is there to meet friends and socialize may not displace a member who is there to fly.
2. The new rules allow multiple groups of 20 up to a maximum of 80 at the field. So, there may be 20 in the pits area and another group elsewhere. However, interaction between the groups must be minimised as interaction would mean the groups were in fact one group and thus increases the risk of infection. It does mean though that we can safely set the number at 20 as a new arrival could assess the situation without breaking the 80 limit.
3. Due to the 4 m<sup>2</sup> rule there may be no more than 6 in the club room and 2 in the club shed. In both cases the 1.5 m distance rule applies. Tables will be arranged in the club room to provide seating for 6 that complies with the 1.5 m rule. Members are required to use hand sanitiser at the door before entering either room. Tea and coffee may be made and the drink machine used but only disposable cups and wood stirrers provided must be used. The cups and crockery in the rooms must not be used. These rules will allow access to the clubroom for the LIFT equipment and the simulator but unfortunately, while it may provide a refuge for a few in case of inclement weather, it will not allow the regular Monday morning group to meet in the club room. The Monday morning group may resume as a separate group of no more than 20 but the restricted access to the rooms and the 1.5 m rule applies.
4. Members should sign in when they arrive and sign out before they leave. This will help contact tracing in the unfortunate event of a member becoming infected. The sign in book is near the vice in the shelter. Please use your own pen. Another sign in book will be provided in the club shed. Members may sign in/out at the pits or the club shed.
5. Members must practice social distancing at all times. There should be no more than 4 pilots flying at any one time and these pilots should stand on or near the yellow markers placed behind the flight line barriers. There must be only one pilot per work bench. There are 3 work benches in the shelter and 3 under the shade shelter. There are 7 arming tables of which only 4 (every second table) can be used. The bench seats can be used but only one person per seat.
6. There must be no sharing of equipment (transmitters, battery chargers etc). Do not carry or touch someone else's model. It is strongly recommended that members charge batteries at home. This will reduce the risk of infection transfer as a result of touching power points and switches.
7. Members must practice strict hygiene. Members should wash/sanitise their hands-on arrival and after leaving. Pilots should bring their own hygiene products. These could include:
  - A towel/paper towel for drying hands after using the external toilet (although liquid soap and paper towel will be provided in the toilet)
  - Wipes or sanitiser for wiping bench tops and power switches before and after use.
  - If you cannot source sanitiser then Methylated Spirits is probably a good substitute.

**8. Important**

Members must make their own decision as to whether to come to the field. Remember that community transmissions can and have occurred from persons who have no symptoms so members must assess the risk for themselves.

However, you must not come to the field if you are unwell or show any symptoms no matter how minor.

- 9.** The continued use of the field is dependent on government regulations that could become more restrictive if things deteriorate. It also depends on the compliance of all members with these conditions.