



“Play Safe - Poker NSW” - COVID-19 Safety Plan for the conduct of Poker in Licensed Venues in NSW

Poker NSW is a co-operative containing a large group of poker operators that represent >90% of the poker events that are conducted in NSW hospitality venues. Poker NSW has developed a strict set of guidelines as per the below for the conduct of all poker tournaments in licensed venues in this state. These guidelines have been developed in order to mitigate the risk associated with Covid-19 when operating a poker tournament in licensed venues. These guidelines have been drafted by Poker NSW based on discussions with NSW Police and they are established to ensure the poker playing environment remains as safe as possible for staff and the general public during the conduct of tournaments.

Latest Updates

This **VERSION 13.1** of the COVID Safety Plan was updated on **08/10/21**.

- a) From 11th October up to and including 30th November, all players must be double vaccinated (or have the Services NSW medical exemption certificate)
- b) All tournament directors must be double vaccinated (or have the Services NSW medical exemption certificate) in the Greater Sydney region, and Regional NSW hosts must be double vaccinated, or be single vaccinated with a booking for their second vaccination up to and including 31st October
- c) All tournaments in NSW must be conducted in accordance with the 1 person per 4sqm
- d) Masks are mandatory for players and Tournament Directors
- e) All players must be seated at all times
- f) No Group Booking policy from the Monday following the 80% double vaccination milestone

This plan applies to all events in NSW from 11/10/21

Equipment made available to Tournament Directors

Tournament Directors will be supplied with sanitiser, disinfectant spray and antibacterial wipes, where not supplied by the venue. Masks should be made available at registration for those that wish to wear them.

Item #	Area	Actions																
1	Infection Control Training for Tournament Directors	<p>All Tournament Directors must undertake the Infection Control Training offered by the Government via this link: https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training</p> <p>Tournament Directors must display their Infection Control Training Certificate at registration.</p> <p>Tournament Directors must be made aware of their obligations as per this COVID-19 Safety Plan. Tournament Directors must also be made aware if they are displaying any cold-like symptoms they must let their direct report know and not attend the event.</p>																
2	Room Capacity	<p>An example of the 1 person per 4 sqm rule is shown below. Note, this is for illustrative purposes only.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ROOM SIZE</th> <th># Patrons (Max)</th> <th># Poker Tables</th> <th>Other</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>50m2</td> <td>12</td> <td>2</td> <td>2 tables of 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100m2</td> <td>25</td> <td>4</td> <td>3 tables of 6 and 1 table of 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>200m2</td> <td>50</td> <td>8</td> <td>6 tables of 7 and 1 table of 8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ROOM SIZE	# Patrons (Max)	# Poker Tables	Other	50m2	12	2	2 tables of 6	100m2	25	4	3 tables of 6 and 1 table of 7	200m2	50	8	6 tables of 7 and 1 table of 8
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3	Contact with Covid-19 Safety Marshall	Tournament Directors are asked to make contact with the Covid-19 Safety Hygiene Marshall appointed by the venue prior to each event to ensure they are and remain satisfied with the conduct of the tournaments.																
4	General Health	All players must be double vaccinated (or have the Services NSW medical exemption certificate) as condition of entry into the venue. At registration the Tournament Director must ask all players if they have experienced any cold like symptoms in the previous 7 days. If they answer in the affirmative, they are not permitted to play. Any player showing signs of ill health such as persistent coughing, runny nose or fever will be asked to leave the tournament and referred to venue management.																
5	Masks are Mandatory	Masks must be worn by all participants and all staff engaged in the conduct of the tournament except when eating and drinking or where a medical or other exemption applies.																

6	Seated Players	Players must remain seated during the tournament at all times and are not permitted to stand around and mingle with each other within the venue. There is no food permitted to be consumed at the poker tables. All food and beverages must be consumed whilst seated in the venue.
7	Hand Hygiene	Hand Sanitizer will be made available at registration. Players will be asked to sanitize their hands at registration and every 20 minutes thereafter. During the breaks of play players will be asked to wash their hands with soap and water.
8	Cleaning of Equipment	All tables must be sanitised with an anti-bacterial wipe on the outer rims prior to the commencement of the event. Tables must also be sanitised again using anti-bacterial wipes prior to any player changing seats and during the breaks of play. Chairs must be sanitised using anti-bacterial wipes prior to any player changing seats. All chips and cards are to be sprayed with an anti-bacterial solution before and after each event and during each scheduled break of the tournament.
9	Distancing	All poker tables in the room must be spaced out at a minimum distance of 1.5m from each other. Registration for the tournament is open for 1 hour prior to the commencement of the tournament which allows players to register at different time intervals and spreads out the potential for a queue to develop during this process.
10	Contact Tracing	Player details must be captured at registration to ensure contact tracing can occur if required. The minimum details required include date and time of participation in the event, first name and surname and either a mobile or email address.
11	Conditions of Entry/Signage	The Tournament Directors Infection Control Training certificate must be on display at registration of the event. A sign indicating appropriate hand and general hygiene practises must be made available at registration for players to view. A copy of this Play Poker Safe NSW COVID-19 must be available at registration of every poker tournament. A copy of this plan must be available on the poker league operators website and/or social media pages.
12	Co-operation with NSW Health	All poker leagues and Tournament Directors are informed to co-operate with NSW Health if contacted in relation to a positive case of COVID-19 at their place of work.

Glossary of Terms

“Covid-19 Safety Hygiene Marshall” is the person identified by the venue responsible for ensuring the implementation of the venues COVID-19 Safety Plan

“Poker Table” means a table used specifically used for the playing of poker in a poker tournament.

“Registration” is the process of registering the players into the poker tournament. This is generally done via a computer system that records personal details and the participants entry into the tournament. A person will register their details with the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of the tournament.

“Tournament Directors” refers to the person facilitating the Poker Tournament in the venue. This person is responsible for setting up the tournament area, registering players and generally conducting the event.

“Tournament” refers to a poker tournament taking place inside a licensed premises. The tournament could be one of many different types, (eg, multi table tournament with, timed tournament, shootout tournament etc)