



To all members

The protocols in place to deal with COVID-19 are under constant review and change as circumstances dictate.

All members should note the following changes which have now come into effect -

Use of the gym

The Department of Health has issued revised rules in relation to the use of gyms. These new rules will again require COVID Marshals to be in place in order for our gym to be available for use.

Therefore until further notice, the gym will remain closed to all members. This will take effect from 5pm today.

When this rule was last in place, the call for volunteer Marshals had a less than ideal response. A meeting is being arranged as a matter of urgency to determine what steps, if any, might be available to support the gym re-opening either on a full time or part time basis.

Automated sign-in to the club

An automated sign-in facility is now available in the foyer for visitors to the club who do not have a security fob or forget to bring one. The option of writing your name and phone number also remains available.

Use of the club change rooms

Members were advised last week about the need to avoid using the change rooms between the hours of 11.30am and 2pm. Owing to the reduced capacity of the club change rooms (maximum of 12 people in each at any time) the Executive Committee has further reviewed their on-going use by members.

Commencing immediately, no children other than those -

- training for the SRC or BM, or
- who have their SRC or BM **and** are rostered for or eligible for patrol duties

will be allowed in either change room. Members must not facilitate or allow children access to the change rooms in breach of these requirements. Anyone found to be in breach will be subject to the following action -

- A warning will be issued in the first instance
- If a further breach occurs, action will be taken to de-activate the member's fob for a period of one (1) month
- Any subsequent breach will result in fob de-activation for three (3) months.

The President, Executive Officer and Club Captain will have the authority to impose any of these sanctions.

Members who have their fobs de-activated may seek a review of the decision by the Executive Committee.

Every effort is being made to keep the club open and accessible to members. In doing so however there is a need to ensure compliance with the range of obligations imposed by the Government and NSW Health authorities.

At times this may require members to accept limitations on their usual levels of use and access to the premises. This is regretted but nonetheless necessary.

It is pleasing to note the vast majority of members accept these impositions and limitations in good spirit and without complaint.

The Executive Committee hopes to receive your on-going support and cooperation with the club's COVID protocols.

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