

Dear Athletes, Officials, Staff and Stakeholders

Subject – COVID-19

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a major international concern and I'm sure you are all aware of the impact it is having on sporting events and the economy globally. Our thoughts and good health are extended to anyone who has been affected by the virus.

The health and well-being of Shooting Australia (SA) athletes, officials, volunteers, staff and all stakeholders is always our highest consideration when scheduling events in Australia and when we plan international trips for our National Teams. Right now, our attention to this matter is heightened due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

I want to assure everyone that planning and delivery of next weekend's SA Open is continuing and will complete our Olympic Nomination Event Series. In saying that, we urge everyone involved to take the necessary precautions with respect to your own and others' health and safety when travelling to and engaging in the event. The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) is continuing to provide our best source of information regarding COVID-19 and we would like to share this resource with you for your reference now and moving forward:

https://ais.gov.au/health-wellbeing/covid-19#travelling_to_sporting_events

In line with the information/advice being collected and shared by the AIS, we would like to offer some guidelines for anyone travelling to the SA Open, or traveling generally at this point in time.

We ask that all athletes, officials, volunteers staff and stakeholders follow appropriate health and travel protocols with respect to COVID-19. The Australian Government Department of Health has issued the following requirements for COVID-19:

- People who have left, or transited through, mainland China or Iran must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving mainland China or Iran;
- If you have travelled from the Republic of Korea, on or after 5 March, you must isolate yourself for 14 days from the time you left the Republic of Korea;
- If you have travelled from Italy, on or after 11 March, you must isolate yourself for 14 days from the time you left Italy. If you work as a healthcare worker or as a residential aged care worker, you cannot attend work for 14 days after leaving Italy; and
- People who have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 must isolate themselves for 14 days after last contact.

What to do if you fall into the above categories and/or you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19?

Please seek appropriate medical advice as soon as possible. And then, please also contact SA's Events Coordinator – Jane Vella (0407 859 197 or jane@shootingaustralia.org) – to notify her/us of your situation. Given the rapidly evolving nature of this virus, we would also like to know if anyone has recently returned from international destinations other than those listed above and/or come in to contact with someone that has been diagnosed as having COVID-19

How will this affect my participation in the SA Open?

We will manage this with the relevant individual(s) on a case by case basis after getting appropriate medical advice. As I mentioned above, our priority is the health and wellbeing of all athletes, officials, volunteers, staff and all stakeholders.

What if I am an MQS athlete competing for Olympic Team nomination/selection?

There are provisions in our 2020 Olympic Games Nomination Criteria ([Shooting Australia 2020 Olympic Nomination Criteria](#)) for unforeseen circumstances or events that may prevent athletes from attending a Nomination Event. I encourage you to familiarise yourself with these provisions and then contact SA's High Performance Director – Adam Sachs (0417 785 115 or adam@shootingaustralia.org) – as soon as possible before the event to discuss your situation.

SA will obviously be taking every precaution to keep SA Open participants safe from COVID-19 but we need your help. There are some simple and effective things you can do including:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitiser;
- When coughing or sneezing, use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose or use the inside of your elbow;
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact with other people (e.g. shaking hands);
- If you are sick, stay at home/away from public spaces.

We are confident that with your help, the SA Open will run safely, smoothly and successfully. Good luck for the remainder of your preparations and see you all in Sydney next week.

With best wishes,

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