

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Published : 12th May, 2020 SA Government Roadmap to Easing restrictions Stage 1 – 11th May, 2020 Stage 2 – 8th June , 2020 Guidelines for SAHPA Clubs to be compliant



The SAHPA Management Committee have published these guidelines for clubs and our members to follow so we are complaint with SA Government recommendations. Club Chairpersons and Secretaries should make themselves familiar with this documentation and implement procedures so that your club is compliant and most importantly we do our best to protect members, their families and the community from the spread of this disease.

Please note: Each club is responsible for obeying the regulations, the SAHPA will not be reimbursing clubs or individuals if they breach the regulations and receive a fine.

Stage 1 – 11th May, Up to 10 people maximum, Outdoors

Our first race is scheduled for Saturday 20th June, with basketing to occur in clubs on Friday 19th June, this is after Stage 2 begins on 8th June where up to 20 people are allowed indoors if the rooms can accommodate 4 square metres per person, all but one club is well below 20 members, so we believe all our club rooms meet this regulation.

Until 8th June, club rooms should not be used for meetings. Alcohol can not be served.

Our Training units will start on Sunday 24th May, this is compliant with the regulations as the loading of the units is done outdoors, we must make sure we do not have more than 10 members loading at the same time.

Procedures for Training Units

- 1) Drivers to be provided with a mask, they can choose whether they wish to use it.
- 2) Drivers to have a pump action Hand Sanitiser on the bonnet of their vehicle for themselves and members to use.
- 3) Drivers will not take payment on the day as we wish to avoid the risk of handling cash.
- 4) The Driver will record your name, number of birds and the Charge amount. The Driver will return a form for each Training date to the General Secretary or Treasurer who will once a month send out an invoice to each club which will show the amount due from each member of their club. The Club secretary will collect the money from their members, preferably by electronic bank transfer and then make a single payment to the SAHPA via electronic bank transfer.
- 5) When arriving at the loading location, As there is a maximum of 10 people allowed, if you see more than 7 people loading, please park your car 50 metres away and wait for others to leave before pulling in closer to unload your birds. After 8th June we are allowed 20 people, so you can then pull up if less than 17 people loading.
- 6) When loading birds please maintain 1.5m social distancing, load your birds, get Driver to record the amount you will pay later. Unfortunately, we can not have too much social interaction until perhaps stage 2.
- 7) If an elderly member or member with vulnerable health condition arrives, it is recommended that others help and the member stay in their vehicle and just provide instructions on where they want their birds sent.

Stage 2 – 8th June, 2020, Maximum of 20 people, allowed indoors

Procedures for Club Rooms

- 1) Secretary to be provided with a mask, they can choose whether they wish to use it.
- 2) Secretary to have a pump action Hand Sanitiser in the clubrooms for themselves and members to use.
- Secretary to only pay the SAHPA by bank transfer, the SAHPA will not be accepting cash or cheques. We understand that payment will be received after the weekend of the race. We encourage Club Secretaries to get their members to pay electronically into club accounts as well.

SAHPA Bank Account – Account name SAHPA, BSB 065518 Account : 10038108, please enter reference or club and which race, eg. SVALES SN1

- 4) Please Minimise unnecessary co-mingling
- 5) Ensure frequent environmental disinfection cleaning of the premises
- 6) Please consider putting up signage/markings to support compliance
- 7) Each club should nominate a person who manages the number of members present in the club rooms and to remind people of social distancing requirements. As part of the SA Govt Stage 2 we are required to record names of all people that attended the club rooms on each occasion. Please see the appendix of this document for a copy of Attendee Register which you should print off and fill in each hamper/result night.
- 8) The 4 square metres per person ruling is still applicable and 1.5m social distancing.
- 9) Most clubs have 20 or less members, recommended that only 10 persons be present in the club rooms at any one time, unless the club rooms are particularly large and then a maximum of 20 is within the regulations.

- 10) Only competitors or office bearers to be present in club rooms for hampering and result night. No service of drinks or food as part of stage 2 guidelines from SA Govt.
- 11) Recommend that the hampering procedures be changed so that 1.5m social distancing is obeyed, that is place ringer and electronic scanner 1.5m from person recording/checking the ring number on club unit/nomination sheet. Person scanning ring/applying rubber and reading ring number also puts the bird into transport crate so no need to be close to another member. That is maximum of 3 people per station, one to open hamper door, one to process pigeon and one to check ring number display and allocate crate number. Obviously as per our current rules, the flyer can not handle their own birds.
- 12) Vulnerable members due to age or health conditions should avoid time in the club rooms, where possible simply drop off their pigeons to be raced and nomination sheets and then return to their vehicle. Other nominated members to process the pigeons ready for race and then return empty hampers to member.
- 13) At end of Hampering or Results please wipe down surfaces, encouraged to wipe down clocks and handles between each hamper.
- 14) Transport of crates to SAHPA Hall, Please do not have more than 2 people in the vehicle, if more than 2 required for loading then please send a second vehicle.
- 15) When arriving at the SAHPA loading location, please stay in vehicle until it is your turn to load and then maintain social distancing so we do not have more than 20 people in the hall at any time. At this stage we can only have 1 club unloading at a time otherwise we run the risk of having more than 20 people on the premises, after the clubs using the SAHPA Hall have completed their hampering we can revert to loading on both sides of the unit (2 clubs at a time)

Procedures for Club's that use SAHPA Hall

- 1) All the recommended procedures described above for Clubs are also applicable.
- 2) The four clubs that use the SAHPA Hall for hampering will need to meet and work out a staggered timetable for each club to complete their hampering and still keep with in the regulations of a maximum of 20 persons.
- 3) The SAHPA Committee of Management has suggested a structure of : SAHPA General Secretary in Office
 North Suburban club – 2 basketing tables with 3 people on each table plus 1 administrator
 Para Hills club – 1 basketing table with 3 people plus 1 basketing administrator
 Metro club – 1 basketing table with 3 people plus 1 basketing administrator
 Total (16 people)
 West Terrors club – Honefully they can undertake their basketing carlier in the after poop

West Torrens club – Hopefully they can undertake their basketing earlier in the after noon. If we allow 1 club into loading bay while these clubs are basketing then that club can have 3 loaders plus the loading steward, which will bring a total to the maximum of 20 people.

- 4) Clubs to mark floor where people should stand to maintain safe social distancing of 1.5m
- 5) Results during stage 2 will need to have staggered times for Clock fire off to avoid having more than 20 people in the Hall at any one time.
- 6) Please understand that we must comply with this maximum of 20 people in the Hall, be aware that someone driving pass our Hall may see many cars parked and dob us into the Police who may come to inspect and we need to make sure we are not in breach of the maximum number of 20 to avoid your club being fined and members fined.

Procedures for Stray Pigeons

- 1) During Stage 2 we unfortunately can not afford to have the Ring Secretary at the SAHPA Hall to manage the return of stray pigeons to members from other clubs as it is already difficult to stay below the maximum of 20 persons in the Hall.
- 2) Ideally, the owner of bird should pick up the bird direct from the person reporting the bird, rather than rely on the exchange at the SAHPA Hall during these restrictions.
- 3) If a pigeon is being sent by a club for a member's club to pick up, it is the member who owns the bird to make sure the bird is picked up. The bird can be sent down in a cardboard box and left out the front of hall under the verandah, clearly labelled with the owners name. At the end of the night we do not want a card board box left behind as the last person to leave the Hall does not want to take home stray birds. If pick up is not done we will be fining the member.
- 4) Reminder that SAHPA expect members to pick up their stray birds when they are reported, we have recently fined a member who did not communicate correctly and failed to arrange pick up from a member of the public and the bird ended up in the hands of the RSPCA.

Summary

The SAHPA Management Committee are open to suggestions from clubs to further refine this document. We do expect clubs to follow these procedures as we do not wish to put our members at risk and we do not want Government authorities to close down our operations due to breaches by our members.

As the government further eases the restrictions we will update this document and communicate any changes to our members. If there is a second wave of covid-19 outbreaks which alarm the Government, it could mean restrictions will be tighten and pigeon racing may need to be halted.