Darwin Kendo Club

COVID-19 Safety Plan

The purpose of this document is to detail how *Darwin Kendo Club* (DKC) intends to follow the COVID-19 safety regulations and measurements. It should be noted that the restrictions for practising Kendo varies greatly between each jurisdiction in Australia, as well as other countries. This plan is solely intended for the management of Kendo practice at *Darwin Kendo Club* only.

- 1. The superlative source of information and direction will be the *Northern Territory Government* (NTG)'s *Coronavirus (COVID-19)* information website (https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/). Other guidelines may be recognised and considered, but they do not supersede NTG's directions. These include:
 - a. The COVID-19 management plan of Darwin Squash Centre, the venue for DKC training.
 - b. The General Guidance on COVID-19 Risk Management towards the Resumption of Kendo Training (version 1, 3 June 2020) published by the Kendo Board of Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR), which also referred to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment (May 2020).
 - c. The *Guidelines on COVID-19 Risk Management for Organised Kendo Events* (version 1, 17 September 2020) published by the *Kendo Board* of *Australian Kendo Renmei* (AKR).
- 2. The Club has also completed the *Sport and Active Recreation Organisation Checklist* as set by the NTG, and completed all requirements to operate.
- 3. Members and visitors are expected to comply with any health and safety instructions set by the NTG, including any specific instructions set by *Darwin Squash Centre*. This includes:
 - a. Checking in via the Territory Check-In App, or on paper.
 - b. Not attending training if one feels unwell or displays concerning symptoms.
 - c. Following any self-isolation or quarantine requirements as appropriate.
- 4. Kendo is classified as a full-contact sport, therefore Members should be aware that participating in any Kendo training indoors will be considered close contact, regardless of social distancing and use of masks or other *Personal Protection Equipment* (PPE). This includes *Kata*-only sessions.
- 5. If required, the Club will share information with the appropriate authorities as required, e.g. sharing attendance record and/or contact details for contact tracing purposes.
- 6. In alignment with recent direction from NT Government's Chief Health Officer, from 22 October 2021, the Club allows members to optionally provide additional information: their COVID-19 vaccination status, whether they are considered part of the vulnerable group (as defined by the NT Health direction), and the ability to upload their vaccination certificate (or evidence of exemption from vaccination). This is completely optional, but is made available in anticipation of a potential direction in the future for organisations to track these additional information from their members.
- 7. This DKC COVID-19 Safety Plan will be revisited:
 - a. Every 6 months after the latest update, as per NTG directions.
 - b. In the case of any new health advice, lockdown, or restrictions on full-contact sports.

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