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READY, SET, GO – GYMS AND KIDS SPORT RETURNS

Gymnasiums, yoga, indoor pools and dance studios can reopen within a fortnight and kids' sport can resume across NSW from 1 July, as more COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro has thanked the community for its patience while the Government works through its COVID-19 recovery plan that is built around health advice.

"I'm proud of this State for following the health advice and flattening the curve to such a point, where we can now re-introduce kids' sports and open gyms," Mr Barilaro said.

"Sport and exercise boosts morale and this is exactly what NSW needs right now."

From **13 June**, the following will be allowed:

- Fitness, gymnasiums, pilates, yoga and dance studios can reopen with up to 10 people per class and 100 people in an indoor venue;
- Community centres, including their recreational facilities can reopen;
- Some indoor recreational facilities including pools and saunas can also reopen with restricted numbers;
- Tattoo and massage parlours can reopen with up to 10 clients

The four square metre rule must be applied at all times.

Community sport competitions can restart for those aged 18 years and under from 1 July.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said COVID-19 safety plans for each activity or sport are critical to enable this re-start.

"Sport and businesses will need to do things a little differently than in pre-COVID-19 times and following their safety plan is key to keeping people safe," Mr Hazzard said.

"Re-opening kids' sporting competitions on 1 July gives groups and local government which manages many of these facilities, time to work through all the new changes."

Acting Minister for Sport, Geoff Lee said indoor and outdoor community sports for those aged 18 years and under are ready to return from 1 July.

“Children and young people will be thrilled they can get together with friends and teammates again and I am sure parents will welcome the news too,” Mr Lee said.

“NSW loves sport, and I am so pleased clubs and organisations will now be able to plan their fixtures list for their seasons to resume.”

A decision on a potential return date for adult community sport will be made at a later stage.

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