

IMPRO AUSTRALIA

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THEATRESPORTS® SCHOOLS CHALLENGE (TSC) POLICIES

EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS & STUDENTS

- All students, teachers and staff must sign in on arrival at TSC workshops & shows.
- Any student, teacher or staff member who has been diagnosed with an infectious virus/disease (ie. COVID-19), has been in contact with someone with an infectious virus/disease or is displaying flu-like symptoms will not be permitted to attend the workshops or shows.
- Teachers must be present with their students at both the workshops & the shows. Teachers are solely responsible for their students' health & safety getting to & from venues and during breaks between the workshops & shows. Teachers are also responsible for any specific medical needs of their students. Impro Australia takes no responsibility for students outside the venues (before or after workshops or shows), during breaks or for any specific medical needs.
- Teachers must inform Impro Australia immediately if they or one of their students are diagnosed with an infectious disease (ie. COVID-19) OR if their school is closed due to an infectious outbreak (ie. COVID-19) in the two weeks following any workshops or shows that they participate in.
- Every student, teacher and staff member are expected to follow the government health guidelines for good hygiene as found at <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/what-you-need-to-know-about-coronavirus-covid-19#protect-yourself-and-others> or they will be asked to leave.
- Impro Australia takes all reasonable care in the conduct of its workshops & shows – while they are not strenuous, students must take responsibility for their personal safety and well-being (ie. avoiding actions that will aggravate any underlying injuries they may have or put them in any danger). Students voluntarily participate in the workshop & shows with full knowledge that there is a mild risk of personal injury. Impro Australia takes no responsibility for students who fail to follow the instructions of Impro Australia staff during workshops or shows.
- The hosting school/venue will provide a lockable room for students' personal belongings however Impro Australia takes no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged property.
- All students, teachers & staff members understand that Impro Australia reserves the right to remove anyone who poses a threat to the safety, health or wellbeing of other students, Impro Australia staff or themselves.

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- Impro Australia will follow all health & safety requirements of the specific school/venue hosting the TSC workshops & shows - if teachers need the contact details of the host school for their specific health & safety policies please email us & we will provide their direct contact.
- Impro Australia will keep records of the attending teachers, students & Impro Australia staff at each workshop & show. We can provide teacher & staff names & contact details in advance if needed. Student names & details will need to be obtained directly from their specific teachers if required in advance.

- Impro Australia will follow all current NSW Government Education policies regarding inter-school student events and competitions as found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> At present (31st July 2020) we do not expect that it will be possible for parents and community members to attend as audience at TSC workshops & shows and that only school staff and students will be permitted to attend, but please understand that this position may be reviewed if Department of Education policies change.
- Impro Australia will notify teachers if any school from a workshop or show that they attended is closed due to an infectious outbreak in the two weeks following the workshop or show. Impro Australia will also notify teachers if any student, teacher or staff member is diagnosed with an infectious virus/disease in the 2 weeks after the workshop or show.
- Impro Australia staff will do their best to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students during workshops & shows. They will check the space for any risks & inform students, stop any activities & scenes where injury may occur, & give clear instructions to avoid injuries.
- Impro Australia staff will keep students in their own school teams during workshops and at a safe distance (1.5m) from other teams, teachers & staff. During shows, students will sit in their own school teams at a safe distance (1.5m) from other teams, teachers & staff. Students will only perform in their own teams.

CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS

- If a school is unable to attend the assigned heat or semi-final in their area (for any reason), Impro Australia will do their best to find an alternative heat/semi-final for them (however it will require more travel). If the school are unable to make any heats they may still be permitted to participate in a semi-final depending on available space.
- If a heat or semi-final is cancelled (for any reason), Impro Australia will organise a replacement date that suits the majority of schools involved.
- If a school cannot participate in any of the heats or the semi-finals at all (for any reason), Impro Australia will carry their paid registration fees over as a credit for the next year's competition or another division of the TSC.
- If the Theatresports Schools Challenge itself is cancelled, Impro Australia will carry paid registration fees over to the next year's competition or another division.

THESE POLICIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO CHANGES IN RELEVANT NSW GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION & SCHOOL POLICIES

Impro Australia do not supply **risk assessments for venues** as the majority of risk assessments are for travel to & from the venue (which is specific to your school) or for the specific details of the host school venue itself. We can provide contact details for the host school venue if you wish to contact them for more information. We can provide details about what is involved in workshops & shows if required but they are simple, non-strenuous physical activities done in a large, well-lit, open space with no props or equipment with all participants properly distanced.