



**Southern Tasmanian Table Tennis Association
Suspension of Junior Program for Term 1 2022
28 January 2022**

Schools, Parents and Junior Table Tennis Players

It is with much regret that the STTTA has decided to suspend key components of our Junior Program for Term one of 2022. I apologise for any inconvenience this will cause schools, parents and, of course, our valued junior players.

We have made this decision based on the risks posed by the current wave of the Omicron variant of Covid 19.

The Tasmanian Government's returning to school plans stress a number of measures which require the discipline of the school environment in order to be maintained. These include mask wearing and limiting mixing of groups to that required for the learning environment.

Our concern is that our program features a high energy sport, conducted in an indoor environment by people not wearing masks and in close physical proximity. Further, by definition we are mixing groups between and within schools. We run the risk of undermining the return to school programs and impairing the health of participants and their families.

We also have a responsibility to our members, many of whom belong to the older age groups and are therefore more susceptible to Covid 19.

Schools are welcome to book our stadium and run their own programs using our equipment. If you wish to do so please contact the Secretary at

secretary@sttta.org.au

An STTTA member will welcome groups to the stadium and ensure the equipment is available but will not be able to conduct the session.

The Committee will be conducting a review of the situation toward the end of Term 1 with the hope that we will be able to resume our program in Term 2.

We look forward to resuming an active junior program as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Jamie Bayly-Stark
President
STTTA