FFA Circular

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TO THE MEMBERS OF FFA

Game plan for resuming grassroots football in Australia

The purpose of this Circular is for Football Federation Australia (***FFA***) to provide an update on developments regarding the resumption of grassroots football in Australia. This update follows FFA Circular 20-09 (available here) which announced the extension to the suspension of grassroots football until at least 31 May 2020.

We would also like to take this opportunity to again encourage all football participants to download and use the COVIDSafe app. The app is available to download on the Apple App store and Google Play.

State and Territory restrictions

As previously noted, FFA continues to consult with the Member Federations and all levels of Government and is closely monitoring all COVID-19 developments, including the individual circumstances of each State and Territory.

FFA welcomed the recent announcements by certain State and Territory Governments regarding the easing of COVID-19 related restrictions that may allow for a resumption in certain football activities, such as group training, prior to 31 May 2020 in their respective jurisdictions. We recognise that the position may vary across the different States, Territories and localities in Australia.

FFA supports these opportunities to return to football activities early, provided they are undertaken in line with the medical guidelines and restrictions that apply in the respective State or Territory. This includes ensuring activities adhere to any social distancing requirements and limitations on group sizes involved, as determined by the relevant State or Territory Government and/or Local Public Health Authorities.

The safety and wellbeing of all football participants, and that of the wider community, remains the paramount concern for FFA. We are continuing to work with the Member Federations in supporting the resumption of football in a responsible manner.

Guidelines for the resumption of grassroots football

FFA also welcomed the National Principles for Sport and Recreation recently released by the Federal Government and National Cabinet, available here. These 15 Principles, together with the AIS's "Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment" (available here) are being used by State and Territory Member Federations to help guide the resumption of grassroots football. This approach is also in line with the "3 step framework for a COVIDSafe Australia" released by the National Cabinet on 8 May 2020, a copy of which is attached to this Circular.

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Again, each individual State and Territory may have different circumstances which will influence the approach taken by each Member Federation in facilitating the resumption of grassroots football. However, the State and Territory Member Federations' guidelines for resuming football activity, considering State and Territory Government and/or local Public Health Authorities requirements, will provide a framework for all participants in football – including players, officials, staff, volunteers and parents.

We look forward to a safe resumption of football activities in line with the respective guidelines in each State and Territory as we continue to play our role as a football community in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

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Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia

A three-step pathway for easing restrictions

Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia

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States and territories will move at different times based on local conditions

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
What's changing?	Five visitors at home, 10 in business and public places Work from home if it works for you and your employer Restaurants, cafes and shopping open Libraries, community centres playgrounds and boot camps open Local and regional travel	Gatherings of 20 in your home, business and public places Work from home if it works for you and your employer Gyms, beauty, cinemas, galleries and amusement parks open Caravan or camping grounds Some interstate travel	Gathering sizes increased to 100 Return to workplace Nightclubs, food courts, saunas open All interstate travel Consider Cross-Tasman, pacific island and international students travel
Our role	Maintain 1.5m physical distancing Maintain hand hygiene Practise respiratory hygiene Stay home when sick Download the COVIDSafe app COVIDSafe Plans for Workplaces and Premises		
Health response	Population based testing Enhanced ability to detect contact with confirmed cases Local health system response		
Economic impact	$3.1b Economic Activity (GVA) per month ~250,000 jobs	$3b Economic Activity (GVA) per month ~275,000 jobs	$3.3b Economic Activity (GVA) per month ~325,000 jobs

Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia

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States and territories will move at different times based on local conditions

National Cabinet will review step progress every three weeks

Step 1

COVID safe reopening commences with physical distancing & hygiene

Up to 5 visitors to your home

Gatherings of up to 10 outside of home

Work from home if it works for you and your employer

Libraries, community centres playgrounds and boot camps open

Australians can do more:

- Shopping
- Restaurants and cafés
- Home sales & auctions
- Local playgrounds
- Outdoors boot camps
- Local and regional travel

Step 2

Most business reopen with physical distancing & hygiene

Gatherings of up to 20 outside of home

Work from home if it works for you and your employer

Australians can do even more in gatherings of up to 20:

- Gyms
- Beauty therapists
- Cinemas, theatres or amusement parks
- Galleries and museums
- Some interstate travel

States and territories may allow larger numbers in some circumstances

Step 3

All Australians return to work with physical distancing & hygiene

Gatherings up to 100

Return to workplace

Consider cross-Tasman, Pacific Island travel and international student travel

Australians can do even more in gatherings of up to 100:

- Food courts
- Saunas and bathhouses
- All interstate travel

States and territories may allow larger numbers in some circumstances

What Australians can do to make this a success

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Personal responsibilities

Maintain 1.5m physical distancing

Maintain hand hygiene

Practise respiratory hygiene

Stay home when sick

Download the COVIDSafe app

Health foundations

Population based testing

Enhanced ability to detect contact with confirmed cases

Local health system response

Protect vulnerable people

Vulnerable people should continue to stay home where possible

Restricted travel to remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities

Aged Care restrictions balanced with need for family and social contact

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3 STEP FRAMEWORK FOR A COVIDSAFE AUSTRALIA

MAINTAIN 1.5M DISTANCING AND GOOD HYGIENE • STAY HOME IF UNWELL • FREQUENTLY CLEAN AND DISINFECT COMMUNAL AREAS • COVIDSAFE PLAN FOR WORKPLACES AND PREMISES

ALL STEPS ARE SUBJECT TO EXPERT HEALTH ADVICE • States and territories can implement changes based on their COVID-19 conditions

	GATHERINGS & WORK	EDUCATION & CHILDCARE	RETAIL & SALES	CAFES & RESTAURANTS	ENTERTAINMENT & AMUSEMENT VENUES	SPORT & RECREATION	ACCOMMODATION	WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & RELIGIOUS SERVICES		DOMESTIC TRAVEL
STEP 1	**STEP 1: The important first small steps – connect with friends and family - allowing groups of people to be together in homes and in the community. Businesses reopen, and more people return to work**									
	Non-work gatherings of up to 10 Up to 5 visitors at home in addition to normal residents Work from home if it works for you and your employer Workplaces develop a COVIDSafe plan Avoid public transport in peak hour	Child care centres, primary and secondary schools open as per state and territory plans Universities/technical colleges to increase face-to-face where possible and prioritise hands-on, skills based learning	Retail stores open Retail stores and shopping centre managers must develop COVIDSafe plans Auctions/open homes can have gatherings of up to 10, recording contact details	May open and seat up to 10 patrons at one time Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person Food courts are to remain closed to seated patrons	To remain closed: Indoor movie theatres, concert venues, stadiums, galleries, museums, zoos, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, nightclubs, gaming venues, strip clubs and brothels Exception: Restaurants or cafes in these venues may seat up to 10 patrons at one time	No indoor physical activity including gyms Community centres, outdoor gyms, playgrounds and skate parks allow up to 10 people Outdoor sport (up to 10 people) consistent with the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport Pools open with restrictions	Continue current arrangements for caravan parks and camping grounds (closed to tourists in some states and territories) Hostels and hotels are open for accommodation	Weddings may have up to 10 guests in addition to the couple and the celebrant Funerals may have up to 20 mourners indoors and 30 outdoors Religious gatherings may have up to 10 attendees Every gathering must record contact details	Hairdressers and barber shops open and record contact details Beauty therapy and massage therapy venues, saunas and tattoo parlours remain closed	Allow local and regional travel for recreation Refer to state and territory governments for border restrictions and biosecurity conditions
STEP 2	**STEP 2: Building on slightly larger gatherings and more businesses reopening. Higher risk activities may have tighter restrictions**									
	Non-work gatherings of up to 20 States and territories may allow larger numbers in some circumstances Work from home if it works for you and your employer Workplaces develop a COVIDSafe plan Avoid public transport in peak hour	Child care centres, primary and secondary schools open as per state and territory plans Universities/technical colleges to increase face-to-face where possible and prioritise hands-on, skills based learning	Retail stores open Retail stores and shopping centre managers must develop COVIDSafe plans Auctions/open homes can have gatherings of up to 20, recording contact details	Cafes and restaurants can seat up to 20 patrons at one time Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person Food courts are to remain closed to seated patrons	Indoor movie theatres, concert venues, stadiums, galleries, museums, zoos may have up to 20 patrons To remain closed: pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs, casinos, nightclubs, strip clubs and brothels Exception: Restaurants or cafes in these venues may seat up to 20 patrons at one time	Up to 20 people allowed to participate in outdoor sports consistent with the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport Up to 20 people allowed to participate in all indoor sports, including gyms Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person Pools open with restrictions	Caravan parks and camping grounds fully open All accommodation areas open and allow gatherings of up to 20 people	Weddings may have up to 20 guests in addition to the couple and the celebrant Funerals may have up to 50 mourners Religious gatherings may have up to 20 attendees Every gathering must record contact details	Hairdressers and barber shops open and record contact details Beauty therapy and massage therapy venues and tattoo parlours can open with up to 20 clients in the premises and record contact details Saunas and bathhouses remain closed	Allow local and regional travel for recreation Consider allowing interstate recreational travel depending on the situation in each state and territory Refer to state and territory governments for biosecurity conditions
STEP 3	**STEP 3: A commitment to reopening of business and the community with minimal restrictions, but underpinned by COVIDSafe ways of living**									
	Non-work gatherings of up to 100 people Larger gatherings to be considered Return to workplace Workplaces develop a COVIDSafe plan Avoid public transport in peak hour	Child care centres, primary and secondary schools open as per state and territory plans Universities/technical colleges to increase face-to-face where possible and prioritise hands-on, skills based learning Consider reopening residential colleges and international student travel	Retail stores open Retail stores and shopping centre managers must develop COVIDSafe plans Auctions/open homes can have gatherings of up to 100, recording contact details	Cafes, restaurants and food courts can seat up to 100 people Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person	Venues open in Step 2 may have up to 100 patrons Consideration will be given to opening bar areas and gaming rooms Exception: Restaurants or cafes in these venues may seat up to 100 patrons at one time To remain closed: strip clubs and brothels	All venues allowed to operate with gatherings of up to 100 people Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person Community sport expansion to be considered consistent with the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport	All accommodation areas open and allow gatherings of up to 100 people	Allow gatherings of up to 100 people Every gathering must record contact details	All establishments allowed to open with up to 100 people Record contact details	Allow interstate travel Refer to state and territory governments for biosecurity conditions