



COVID-19 UPDATE – STAGE 2 PLUS – CONTAINMENT ESCALATION

As you are no doubt aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has cast a cloud over the current & upcoming seasons. Nonetheless, based on the contact we have had, people are still keen to play. We announced early on Monday 16th March that all current competitions were to be immediately frozen until Monday 6th April, flagging that new season competitions were to potentially be delayed. This was done in recognition that we have a social responsibility to assist the greater community in the fight against this disease. We understand that whilst the risk is low for participants, potentially infecting more vulnerable family members, colleagues and others in the community is the bigger issue.

On Tuesday evening last week (24th March) Scott Morrison announced Stage 2 escalation of containment measures, which included a ban on organised sport. Last night (29th March) following the National Cabinet meeting, these measures were reaffirmed, but now include further limits of no more than 2 people exercising together at a time. The timeline for measures to be in effect is unknown, but will be in place until the rate of infections decreases. Based on a reading of the facts, we believe that these measures will be in place for at least 2 months.

As a consequence, the dates for Lunchtime Legends current Summer plus upcoming Autumn & Winter 2020 competitions will be updated, now tentatively scheduled to restart from June. Councils and private venue owners are sympathetic to the situation and have indicated they will be flexible with season hire dates for venue access moving forward.

When we do commence, there will be strict health protocols in place going beyond NSW Health recommendations. These are designed to reduce all possible risk of transmission and include;

- a. NSW Health certified training of all Staff & Officials in COVID-19 Infection control
- b. Infrared temperature screening of all attendees
- c. Contactless sign in for participants
- d. Hand sanitiser for everyone before & after games
- e. Fresh equipment for each game
- f. Sterilisation of balls at half time
- g. Full sterilisation of all equipment after each session
- h. No spectators

We care for everyone who participates and officiates; we also care for their extended families. We recognise our social responsibility, are investing in extra equipment to support this initiative, so we can be ready to start when it's appropriate.

The world will move on, things will start to get back to some form of normality in due course. However right now, we need to pause and allow time for things to evolve. All being well, we hope to restart competitions in June.

We look forward to seeing everyone then, but in the meantime, please stay safe.

The Lunchtime Legends Team