

MEMO

No.: 34-20

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Subject: Football Brisbane Board COVID-19 Update March 17

To: All Clubs

Dear Football Brisbane Community,

Last night the board of Football Brisbane met to consider the effects of COVID-19 on our community as the health and safety of all our members is our highest priority.

We have been in ongoing contact with Football Queensland providing updates on COVID-19 relevant information from community clubs, this information has helped Football Brisbane and Football Queensland keep Football Federation Australia (FFA) informed of our local and state situation.

Today Football Queensland has suspended fixtures and training until April 14, 2020 across the state and all zones. For Football Brisbane all fixtures will restart the weekend of May 1 as currently scheduled and no training is to occur until April 14th for any Football Brisbane clubs.

As a board we appreciate there will be many questions to clubs from parents and from clubs to Football Brisbane. Consequently, we will hold a video conference tomorrow night March 18 at 7:00 PM to engage with our club community. Video conference link and more details to be sent tomorrow morning.

Additionally, we wanted to share our current thinking on how we will keep football going post May 1:

- It is Football Brisbane's intent to provide a full home and away season for all players
 - May 1 to Sept 27 gives Football Brisbane 22 weekends to do this
 - Cancel Cup competitions not already started to allow for fields mid-week - Elaine Watson Cup will continue
 - No finals series this year
 - No re-grading rounds
 - We do need input from clubs - as part of the video conference we would like your feedback on the following options to ensure the full home and away season is played
 - Play during school holidays
 - Play mid-week fixtures
 - Play into October - recognize this might impact 6 a side
 - Play "Super Weekends" - teams play two games on the weekend (i.e. Friday night, Sunday)
- Miniroos will go ahead as currently planned and start the weekend of May 1
- We will develop a working group with football community members to consider any changes to competition rules in regards to the postponement of the season and any lasting impacts of COVID-19 on players and clubs moving forward.

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- Competitions are currently only suspended and we intend on a full home and away seasons as per the above. Consequently, we do not currently see the need for Clubs or Football Brisbane to refund money due to competition cancellation

Over the next 24 hours we encourage the club committees to gain as much feedback on the above as possible, allowing us to answer as many questions as possible. We know we may not have answers to some items clubs bring forward, however we commit to taking those away and returning with our thoughts or a decision in a timely manner.

Separately, we have set up a COVID-19 page on the Football Brisbane website which will be updated daily by 2 PM with any changes (view [HERE](#)). This is your source for Football Brisbane COVID-19 related items. You will see the date change when we update it and we will highlight when there has been a change or no change to the advice to clubs and our participants.

Additionally, we continue to work with Football Queensland to provide FFA with detailed information on our clubs of any suspected, close contact or confirmed cases. If you have any of these at your club please contact Football Brisbane (competitions@footballbrisbane.com.au) as we update this register daily and send at 3 PM.

All of the above is our current position. As we receive more advice and information we will continue to update you on any changes in our decisions.

To all our community, please stay safe and follow the health guidelines as they come out. Additionally, during the unprecedented times we are all experiencing it is important to recognize your own and other's mental health, please make sure to reach out for help if you need it. We want to see you all around the grounds in May.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Medina

Chairman
Football Brisbane Board

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