

# **AGREEMENT ON COMMUNITY SEASON CROSSOVER PLANS FOR WINTER AND SUMMER OUTDOOR (GREEN SPACE) SPORTS**

**2020/2021**

This agreement has been developed by the State Sporting Associations represented below, in collaboration with SportWest, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, the WA Local Government Association and the Metropolitan Area Recreation Advisory Group. Feedback has also been sought from a number of country Local Governments to test applicability to regional competitions.

The intent of this agreement is as follows:

- guide the 2020/2021 winter/summer sport season cross over as a result of the impacts caused by COVID-19;
- help maximise the participation opportunities across all community sport;
- acknowledge the important role that Local Government plays, and the time required in transitioning sports grounds between winter and summer seasons;
- provide clear direction to local clubs and associations across all sports to ensure a united and common-sense approach across both seasons in what is an unprecedented year; and
- help manage the potential impact on players and volunteers recognising the number who are heavily involved in both winter and summer sports.

For further information or questions in relation to this agreement, please contact the relevant State Sporting Association, as listed below.

*Note: This agreement applies to community grassroots level competitions and excludes Premier and State League competitions. (e.g. WAFL; WACA Premier Cricket, National Premier League) as specific agreements will be worked through in relation to these competitions and ground requirements.*

The key agreement outcomes are as follows:

## **1. WINTER SPORTS**

- 1.1 Winter sports will have priority access to shared sports grounds up to and including the weekend of the 3 and 4 October 2020.
- 1.2 Any winter sport season fixtures required beyond the weekend of the 3 and 4 October 2020, either for home and away or finals matches, will be played on sports grounds that are not shared with summer sports (subject to local agreements relating to specific maintenance requirements and timelines of the Local Government).
- 1.3 All winter competitions will be completed on non-shared grounds no later than 17 and 18 October 2020 to minimise direct cross over of the winter and summer seasons and subsequent impact on players and volunteers involved in both seasons.

## **2. SUMMER SPORTS**

2.1 Summer sports will have priority access to shared sports grounds from the weekend of 17 and 18 October 2020 (subject to local agreements relating to specific maintenance requirements and timelines of the Local Government).

2.2 Summer competitions will not commence any earlier than the weekend of the 10 and 11 October 2020 (on non-shared sports grounds) to minimise direct cross over of the winter and summer seasons and subsequent impact on players and volunteers involved in both seasons.

## **3. GROUND MAINTENANCE**

3.1 Ground maintenance periods on shared grounds will commence the week commencing Monday 5 October 2020, unless competition fixtures allow an earlier start date.

3.2 Ground maintenance periods on non-shared sports grounds used by winter sports will commence at a date determined as per point 1.2.

## **4. SPORT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION**

4.1 State Sporting Associations will be required to inform all affiliated and member organisations of this agreement so competition administrators for summer and winter sports can apply these principles when drafting up competition fixtures.

4.2 Discussions between winter and summer sport competition administrators, club administrators and local government authorities are encouraged as soon as possible to consider how these principles will inform local decision making and agreements for the upcoming winter and summer season cross over.

4.3 Where a local government agreement cannot be reached in relation to season cross over dates, both the relevant clubs and local governments are encouraged to contact the relevant State Sporting Associations to assist in these discussions.

4.4 Access to grounds for pre-season training for summer sports to be organised through discussions between Local Governments and the winter sports as per normal winter/summer season cross over planning as well as specific local circumstances.

## 5. 2021 SUMMER/WINTER SEASON CROSS OVER

5.1 The 2020/2021 summer season end date will not be extended beyond that of a normal season timeline to ensure season crossover periods return to normal.

## 6. WA GOVERNMENT COVID-19 ROADMAP

6.1 This agreement will be subject to changes made to the WA Government's COVID-19 Road Map.

6.2 All community sport return to play practices and procedures must align to the WA Government' COVID-19 Sport and Recreation Guidelines as well as their respective sports' return to play protocols and guidelines.

### 2020/2021 WINTER/SUMMER SEASON CROSSOVER PLAN

SPORTING ACTIVITY	October				Oct / Nov
	3/4	10/11	17/18	24/25	31 / 1
Winter / Summer Seasons (Shared Ground)	Last weekend of Winter Season Fixtures	Ground Maintenance Period	Commencement of Summer Season Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures
Winter Season (Non Shared Ground - subject to Local Agreement )	Home / Away Fixtures or Finals	Home / Away Fixtures or Finals	Final Weekend of Winter Sports	Ground Maintenance Period	Ground Maintenance Period
Summer Season (Non Shared Ground)	Ground Maintenance Period	Commencement of Summer Season Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures

*The following State Sporting Associations have endorsed this agreement:*

