

# CIRCULAR



**Subject:** Return to Playing (Regular Season)

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| <p><b>Summary:</b><br/>The League will commence playing from the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020.</p> <p>From the Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the WA Government will further ease COVID-19 restrictions as part of Phase 4.</p> <p>Depending on infection rates locally, Phase 5 is planned to be introduced on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and will result in the removal of the 2sqm rule.</p> | <p><b>Action:</b><br/>For information.</p> |
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In summary:

- All existing gathering limits and the 100/300 rule is removed.
- Gathering limits are only determined by the WA Government's 2sqm rule. Clubs will still need to assess and monitor their maximum capacity for social rooms, outdoors areas (patios, verandahs), meeting rooms, gyms and changerooms for Rounds 1 and 2 or until such time as the WA Government implement Phase 5.
- Alcohol can now be served as part of unseated service arrangements. You no longer need to be seated to consume alcohol.
- There is no longer a requirement to maintain patron register at licensed premises.
- Unseated performances are now permitted at the club.

## Match conditions

- Gathering limits are only determined by WA Government's 2sqm rule.
- Clubs should still encourage social distancing of 1.5m is maintained around the playing surface and other spectator areas, ensuring only one person per 2sqm.
- Footballs must be cleaned after every quarter using alcohol based wipes.
- Trainers can provide strapping and massage to players although it is important that strict hygiene protocols are adhered to. e.g; Trainers regularly wash hands, wipe down massage tables after each player use.
- Alcohol based hand sanitisers must be available for matches with players, coaches, support personnel and umpires encouraged to use prior, during and following quarters.
- Players, coaches, support personnel and umpires should avoid spitting or clearing nasal passages during matches.
- It is still recommended that players avoid high fives, hand-shakes or non-essential physical contact.

### **AFL Match Day Checklist (Marsh Insurance)**

- For insurance purposes, clubs must complete the AFL Match Day Checklist before the first match of the day.
- The checklist may be downloaded from the Apple store or GooglePlay - AFL Match Day Checklist.

### **Coaches benches**

Within the coaches/bench area, social distancing of 1.5m is still to be maintained between coaches, players and support personnel ensuring only one person per 2sqm for Rounds 1 and 2 or until such time as the WA Government implement Phase 5.

### **Changerooms**

- Access to changerooms and wet areas is allowed.
- Personnel within a changeroom should adhere to the WA Government's 2sqm rule; i.e - one person per 2sqm for Rounds 1 and 2 or until such time as the WA Government implement Phase 5. For example, a changeroom measuring 50sqm can only have 25 people in the changeroom at the one time.
- Appropriate cleaning of changeroom must occur.

### **Water bottles and towels**

- Players and umpires should bring their own water bottles, labelled with their name or playing number.
- Sharing of communal water bottles should be avoided.
- The sharing of towels is not permitted. Other alternatives such as Chux wipes should be used.

### **Club bar, canteens and social areas**

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Canteens serving takeaway do not have to complete a COVID Safety Plan or undertaken mandatory training unless sit down services are provided.

Where sit down services are provided at your club you should complete a COVID Safety Plan and staff appropriately trained and educated. This can be achieved through numerous ways. The AHA or [AFL Safety Course](#) are technically not mandatory, but one of many ways training and education can be provided.