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# COMMUNICATION



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## OVER 18 (ADULT) RETURN TO PLAY

Further to Communication #2020-012 issued on 26 May outlining the season update, this Communication is issued to formalise several items concerning a return to play from the start of July for the competition in the adult age groups – i.e. Over 18 and older. This is to complement Communication #13 concerning U/18 return to play on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Updated Conditions for Over 18 (Adult) Return to Play

1. The NSW Government has given the approval for community sport in the over 18-years (adult) age groups to return to play from 1<sup>st</sup> July.
2. The CDSFA season for inter-club competition in the premierships and non-premiership age groups listed below will **commence** the weekend of **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. The season will **conclude** on the weekend of **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Football will be contested on each weekend with no scheduled breaks. This period of play takes in the July school holidays as well as the October Labour Day long weekend. There are fourteen (14) weekends available to play.
3. There are no Finals in the premierships divisions. The season Champions will be determined by “first past the post” as attaining 1<sup>st</sup> place on the season ladder as ranked by the Rules.
4. Any player seeking to De-Register from the 2020 season is to do so by COB 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. There will be no De-Registrations post 30<sup>th</sup> June.
5. Clubs will be permitted to Register (“top-up”) confirmed teams with players until COB 31<sup>st</sup> July.
6. Reminder: The Over 35 Division 1 and Over 45 Division 1 male competitions where possible will be scheduled for Friday evenings.

### Factors Requiring Attention

- a. Upon receipt of confirmed entries/withdrawals from the season, the Grading Committees will convene to re-align the divisions (where necessary). Premiership divisions will be structured into 8-team divisions primarily. Use of a 6-team division structure (or other) will only be considered where appropriate to do so based upon the number of entered teams.
- b. Given the prevailing circumstances associated with the impact of COVID-19 on the conduct of competitions, re-alignment of grading for a return to play will not be subject to an appeal process.
- c. Confirmation from landowners (namely local government) to the Club / Association that a return to play is approved at each venue/field for use in the CDSFA season.
- d. Importance is placed on the adherence by all participants (teams/clubs/spectators where permitted) to the Public Health Orders issued by the NSW Government. No compromise is permitted in terms of the public safety of all participants, be they players, volunteer club officials, registered club coaches and managers or spectators, should spectators be permitted.

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## What is required of Clubs?

1. Contact your teams – players/team officials – provide them with an update on the current state of community football.
2. Obtain a commitment from your teams they will participate in the amended season based upon the information above and that provided for in Communication #12.
3. Report to the Association by **COB Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** the list of **teams that WILL** participate in the season, and which **teams WILL NOT** participate in the season.
4. A team that is committed to participating in the delayed 2020 competition and later withdraws, will incur all player registration fees as well as a team withdrawal fine of **\$440.00** to the Club.
5. A team that was initially nominated in March and which is withdrawn will not be permitted to re-enter the season post 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## Roadmap for Return to Play

A roadmap which will outline conditions for the resumption of full competitive matches and other football activities in the final stages of development.

The conditions set out in the roadmap will need to be compliant with government directions.

It is anticipated this document will be made available next week.

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