

CIRCULAR



Subject: Return to Playing (Scratch Matches)

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Audience: Club Committees, Coaches

<p>Summary: As part of football's staged approach to the re-introduction of football, inter-club scratch matches are now permitted.</p> <p>The following protocols are to reduce any possible transmission of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Action: For information.</p>
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Match conditions

- A maximum of 100 participants per oval up to a maximum of 300 participants at a club venue – 100/300 rule is permitted. Umpires and Coaches are not included in the participant count but players and spectators are included.
- Clubs should encourage social distancing of 1.5m is maintained around the playing surface and other spectator areas, ensuring only one person per two square metres.
- 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.
- For scratch matches, a log or register of all players, coaches, support personnel and umpires in attendance at each match must be maintained by the club and available upon request by either the League or Health authorities.
- 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 maintained between coaches, players and support personnel ensuring only one person per two square metres.

Changerooms

- Access to changerrooms and wet areas is allowed.
- Personnel within a changerroom should adhere to the WA Government's 100/300 rule subject to the two square metre rule; i.e - one person per two square metres. For example, a changerroom measuring 50sqm can only have 25 people in the changerroom at the one time.
- Appropriate cleaning of changerroom 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 and social areas

Club bar and social areas that open during a scratch match must adhere to the:

1. WA Government's 100/300 rule;
2. Club Liquor License; and
3. League's Alcohol Management Policy.