



COVID-19 – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As at 20 March 2020

PLEASE NOTE THIS DOCUMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME DUE TO THE RAPIDLY-CHANGING ENVIRONMENT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN

What should any member of the public do if they believe they have contracted the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or if they have cold and flu symptoms that is concerning them?

It would be socially irresponsible for the SGFA to answer this question in this forum. The best information on the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and what people should do if they have symptoms, are worried or come in contact with a person who has the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is found here: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

What is COVID-19 (Coronavirus)? How do I get information on the virus and the associated issues/changes it is causing?

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Can I continue to train or play?

No you cannot. All sanctioned football activities have been suspended until at least 14 April 2020. (Subject to change). At this stage SGFA competitions will commence on the weekend 3-5 May 2020.

See below for more details.

Am I insured if a group of us play/train/have a kick around?

During the suspension of football period you are not covered.

What information has been used to form the decision?

The SGFA and St George City is taking its advice from the Federal Government, which is communicating directly to FFA and Football NSW. This is an unprecedented public health situation and we will follow the instructions of the Federal Government.

What is meant by All football activities?

- Training sessions
- Pre-season friendlies
- SGFA Competition matches
- Club based training sessions with external providers/academies/private providers
- SGFA Coach education courses
- Football Club events (muster days, grading days).
- Please note – Clubs and the SGFA should understand and apply the Federal Governments guidelines around number of people and safe distances (1.5m apart) when organising meetings to discuss/resolve this issue.





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As of 18 March 2020, non-essential gatherings (which all of our events are), are limited to 100 people if it is indoors and 500 people if it is outdoors. This is subject to change by the Federal Government.

Who do I contact if I have further questions?

Players should direct their questions to their club in the first instance.

Do clubs need to shut down their academy sessions/extra training programs/links to external providers?

Players or registered coaches (Play Football system) are not permitted to take part in any football activity, which includes academy programs or extra training sessions that are directly or indirectly associated to your Club. Clubs need to be vigilant in ensuring this does not take place. Your club (and the players and coaches) are affiliated to the FFA, and you are required to follow the instruction that all football activities are suspended. You, the players and coach will not be insured. The concerns around a lack of insurance has now escalated from injury to exposure to someone and thus contracting COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

What about the academy / extra training / one on one sessions some players inevitably take part in?

If players make individual decisions to attend one on one coaching or take part in external exercise activities they need to seriously consider the ramifications for ANY player contracting the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) on the wider community. At the moment we are hoping to return to football activities in the near future. The reality is that when we return to playing and training, if a player or coach contracts the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) a series of containments or imposed isolation will take place that could jeopardise on-going competition matches.

What does this mean for our competitions structure?

See [SGFA Member Notice](#) to members released 20 March 2020.

What happens to my registration fees?

SGFAs objective in setting the revised competition structure has been to optimise and maximise the playing time/opportunities for all participants as a result of the temporary suspension of football activities. We are delaying the start of the season, not cancelling and therefore until we know the full extent of any potential further disruptions and have received advice from FFA & Football NSW no decision can be made in regards to registration rebates.

We need to make sure that when football and life in Australia returns to normal that we have a sport, clubs and an infrastructure that will allow us all to continue to play.

Does this include the St George City and SGFA AYL and SAP rep teams?

Yes, the ban is on all football activities (except the A-League and W-League) which is being played behind closed doors.

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I have registered for a Coach Education Course / Workshop, will they be rescheduled?

We will endeavour to re-schedule Coach Education events once the suspension of football activities is over. Registered participants have been contacted and the SGFA is currently working through the schedule to outline new dates.

Important links

[Commonwealth Department of Health – COVID-19 Health Alert](#)

[NSW Health – COVID-19 Information](#)

[NSW Health-COVID-19 frequently asked questions](#)

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