



## MEMO 74-2021

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**DATE:** 14 July 2021  
**TO:** NNSWF Premier Clubs  
**FROM:** Football Operations Manager  
**SUBJECT:** COVID Update – Premier Competitions

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Firstly, we thank you for your understanding throughout this time given this is an ongoing situation which is evolving on a weekly basis.

### **Matches after 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Further to the advice in Memos 71 and 73 in relation to the current situation in NSW, and the announcement today of a further stay at home orders for Greater Sydney (including Central Coast), I write to confirm our position on impacted teams and matches.

From this coming Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Northern NSW Football will no longer be permitting teams to postpone any matches based on player availability due to the Stay at Home Order.

For senior matches, priority must be given to 1<sup>st</sup> grade football, and all clubs are required to field their 1<sup>st</sup> grade team for their upcoming fixtures. We understand that this may require promoting more reserves and 18s players to fill squads and may affect your club's ability to field a team in these lower grades. Should you be unable to field a team in either of these lower grades, these matches will be recorded as a 0-0 draw and cannot be rescheduled at a later date.

For youth matches, we encourage clubs to try to field a team for as many youth grades as possible. NNSWF can be flexible on kick off times if this will assist in your ability to field a team, and if your opposition agrees. If you are unable to field a team, these matches will be recorded as 0-0 and cannot be rescheduled at a later date.



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For clarity, any matches which have been postponed prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, will be rescheduled in line with the regulations, however, any matches which are unable to be played from 17<sup>th</sup> July onwards because of player availability due to the Stay at Home Order, will be recorded as a 0-0 draw.

Please confirm if there are any teams you are unable to field due to the Stay at Home Order by no later than 5pm Thursday.

Whilst we understand that this will impact some teams more than others, the vast majority of our players and officials are able to continue playing and it is Northern NSW Football's intention to continue the competition as scheduled whilst this is the case.

## **Finals Eligibility**

We understand also that requiring players to step up to an older age group may impact their eligibility for finals. If this does alter any players ability to play finals for their regular team, clubs can apply for dispensation and consideration will be given to those teams impacted by the Stay at Home Order.

## **Central Coast JDL**

Please note no JDL matches involving Central Coast United will be played until at least 31<sup>st</sup> July, and ultimately whilst the Stay at Home Order is in place.

## **Matchday Responsibilities & Check-Ins**

Clubs are reminded to ensure all persons who attend their ground for matches and training, including players, coaches and volunteers check in using the service NSW QR codes. Also, to ensure that everyone at your club is aware of their responsibilities, remembering a large portion of our matches are filmed or photographed.

As always if the situation changes, we may need to adjust our position on the above accordingly.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

**Liam Bentley**  
**Football Operations Manager**