

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 71 and 72A

AFL 2021 PREMIERSHIP SEASON (AFL AND VENUES) DIRECTIONS

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 am on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA)* (**Act**). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

Pursuant to my powers as a police officer under section 71 of the Act, and the powers given to me under sections 67 and 72A of the Act to give other directions to all persons in Western Australia to prevent, control or abate the risks associated with the emergency presented by the pandemic caused by COVID-19, I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to facilitate the AFL 2021 premiership season in Western Australia and the playing of **quarantine matches** consistent with preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia and otherwise limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **AFL 2021 Premiership Season (AFL and Venues) Directions**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at the time of signing.

OPERATION

4. For the avoidance of doubt:
 - (a) the requirements in these directions are in addition to, and do not derogate from, any other relevant requirement set out in the Gathering and Activities Directions (No 2), the Gatherings and Activities (Optus Stadium) Directions (No 4), or any further directions that I give that amend or replace those directions; and

- (b) nothing in these directions in any way affects the operation of any direction that applies to a **relevant person** or a **relevant umpire** and any such direction will continue to apply to them according to its terms.

DIRECTIONS

AFL

- 5. The **AFL** must take all reasonable steps to ensure that each **approved plan** is complied with.
- 6. The AFL must not allow a quarantine match to proceed unless:
 - (a) each relevant person who proposes to **participate** or participates in the match in their **quarantine period**; and
 - (b) each relevant umpire who proposes to officiate or officiates the match in their quarantine period,

has returned a negative test result for COVID-19 within any period or periods of time that are specified in any direction to which the relevant person or relevant umpire (as the case may be) is subject.

Approved quarantine venues

- 7. While an **approved quarantine venue** is being used to accommodate any relevant person or relevant umpire in their quarantine period, the owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of the approved quarantine venue, and any person employed or engaged by them or employed or engaged by such a person (including any officer, employee, agent or contractor):
 - (a) must not allow, and must take all reasonable steps to prevent, any person entering the venue unless that person:
 - (i) is a relevant person in their quarantine period; or
 - (ii) is a relevant umpire in their quarantine period; or
 - (iii) enters the venue in accordance with the relevant **approved quarantine venue plan**; or
 - (iv) enters the venue for the purpose of conducting testing for COVID-19 in accordance with the AFL's COVID-19 testing protocols provided that

the person has not been in a **restricted location** in the previous 14 days;
or

(v) is a **SIA tester** and enters the venue for the purpose of conducting doping control testing provided that the SIA tester has not been in a restricted location in the previous 14 days; or

(vi) accesses the venue for medical or emergency purposes; or

(vii) is required to access the venue for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance at the venue; or

(viii) is a **relevant officer**, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or

(ix) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer; or

(x) is otherwise approved in accordance with paragraph 8(b); and

(b) must comply with the relevant approved quarantine venue plan; and

(c) in the case of an owner, operator or person apparently in charge, must take all reasonable steps to ensure that any person employed or engaged by them or employed or engaged by such a person (including any officer, employee, agent or contractor) complies with the relevant approved quarantine venue plan.

8. While an approved quarantine venue is being used to accommodate any relevant person or relevant umpire in their quarantine period, a person must not enter the venue unless that person is:

(a) a person falling within a category of persons referred to in sub-paragraph 7(a)(i) to (ix); or

(b) a person who:

(i) is approved either orally or in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose; and

(ii) complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject.

Approved training venues

9. While any relevant person or relevant umpire in their quarantine period is present at an **approved training venue**, the owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of the

venue, and any person employed or engaged by them or employed or engaged by such a person (including any officer, employee, agent or contractor):

- (a) must not allow, and must take all reasonable steps to prevent, any person entering the venue, unless that person:
 - (i) is **participating** in an **authorised training activity** at the venue; or
 - (ii) enters the venue in accordance with the relevant **approved training venue plan**; or
 - (iii) enters the venue for the purpose of conducting testing for COVID-19 in accordance with the AFL's COVID-19 testing protocols provided that the person has not been in a restricted location in the previous 14 days; or
 - (iv) is an SIA tester and enters the venue for the purpose of conducting doping control testing provided that the SIA tester has not been in a restricted location in the previous 14 days; or
 - (v) accesses the venue for medical or emergency purposes; or
 - (vi) is required to access the venue for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance at the venue; or
 - (vii) is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
 - (viii) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer; or
 - (ix) is otherwise approved in accordance with paragraph 10(b); and
- (b) must comply with the relevant approved training venue plan; and
- (c) in the case of an owner, operator or person apparently in charge, must take all reasonable steps to ensure that any person employed or engaged by them or employed or engaged by such a person (including any officer, employee, agent or contractor) complies with the relevant approved training venue plan.

10. While any relevant person or relevant umpire in their quarantine period is present at an approved training venue, a person must not enter the venue unless that person is:
- (a) a person falling within a category of persons referred to in sub-paragraph 9(a)(i) to (viii); or
 - (b) a person who:
 - (i) is approved either orally or in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose; and
 - (ii) complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject.

Match Day venue

11. While a **match day venue** is being used for a quarantine match, the owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of the venue, and any person employed or engaged by them or employed or engaged by such a person (including any officer, employee, agent or contractor):
- (a) must not allow, and must take all reasonable steps to prevent, any person entering the **quarantine match zone**, unless that person:
 - (i) is participating in or officiating the quarantine match at the venue; or
 - (ii) enters the quarantine match zone in accordance with the relevant **approved match day venue plan**; or
 - (iii) is an SIA tester and enters the quarantine match zone for the purpose of conducting doping control testing provided that the SIA tester has not been in a restricted location in the previous 14 days; or
 - (iv) accesses the quarantine match zone for medical or emergency purposes; or
 - (v) is required to access the quarantine match zone for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance in the quarantine match zone; or
 - (vi) is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
 - (vii) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer; or

- (viii) is otherwise approved in accordance with paragraph 12(b); and
 - (b) must comply with the relevant approved match day venue plan; and
 - (c) in the case of an owner, operator or person apparently in charge, must take all reasonable steps to ensure that any person employed or engaged by them or employed or engaged by such a person (including any officer, employee, agent or contractor) complies with the relevant approved match day venue plan.
12. While a match day venue is being used for a quarantine match, a person must not enter the quarantine match zone unless that person is:
- (a) a person falling within a category of persons referred to in sub-paragraph 11(a)(i) to (vii); or
 - (b) a person who:
 - (i) is approved either orally or in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose; and
 - (ii) complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject.

Approved Transport

13. The owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of a **charter vehicle** used to carry any relevant person in their quarantine period must comply with the relevant **approved transport plan**.

AUTHORISATION

14. Wherever this direction contemplates a person authorised by me giving any approval, I authorise any **police officer** acting at or above the rank of Inspector to give that approval.

DEFINITIONS

15. **AFL** means the body corporate known as Australian Football League (ACN 004 155 211).
16. **AFL club** means a club involved in playing matches in the AFL 2021 premiership season.
17. **Approved match day venue plan**, in relation to a match day venue, means:
- (a) any plan specified in Row 6, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of the directions; or

- (b) any other plan approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose for the operation of the match day venue.
18. **Approved plan** means:
- (a) an approved match day venue plan; or
 - (b) an approved quarantine venue plan; or
 - (c) an approved training venue plan; or
 - (d) an approved transport plan.
19. **Approved quarantine venue** means:
- (a) any venue specified in Row 1, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions; or
 - (b) any other venue approved for use to accommodate a relevant person or a relevant umpire in their quarantine period, which approval is in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.
20. **Approved quarantine venue plan**, in relation to an approved quarantine venue, means:
- (a) any plan specified in Row 2, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions; or
 - (b) any other plan approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose for the operation of the approved quarantine venue.
21. **Approved training venue** means:
- (a) any venue specified in Row 3, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions; or
 - (b) any other venue approved for use for an authorised training activity, which approval is in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.
22. **Approved training venue plan**, in relation to an approved training venue, means:
- (a) any plan specified in Row 4, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions; or
 - (b) any other plan approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose for the operation of the approved training venue.

23. **Approved transport plan**, in relation to a charter vehicle, means:
- (a) any plan specified in Row 7, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions; or
 - (b) any other plan approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose concerning the transport arrangements for relevant persons in their quarantine period.
24. **Authorised training activity** means training and related exercise and physical conditioning undertaken in connection with playing or preparing to play or officiating Australian Rules Football in the AFL 2021 premiership season, including:
- (a) individual training, group or full squad training, drills or exercises; and
 - (b) practice matches; and
 - (c) gym training sessions or gym-based activities; and
 - (d) any activity that is reasonably necessary or incidental to the training programme of an AFL footballer or umpire or the operations of an **AFL club**, including physiotherapy, sports medicine and club meetings.
25. **Charter vehicle** means a charter bus or other charter vehicle that has been hired for the exclusive use of an AFL club in connection with the transport of relevant persons in their quarantine period and in relation to which there is an approved transport plan.
26. **Match day venue** means:
- (a) any venue specified in Row 5, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions; or
 - (b) any other venue approved for use for any quarantine match, which approval is in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.
27. **Participate** means:
- (a) undertake or engage in; or
 - (b) organise,
- and **participating** has a corresponding meaning.
28. **Police officer** means a person appointed under Part I of the *Police Act 1892* (WA) to be a member of the Police Force of Western Australia.

29. **Quarantine match** means any match of Australian Rules Football played in Western Australia in the AFL 2021 premiership season:
- (a) in which any relevant person is participating during their quarantine period; or
 - (b) which is officiated by any relevant umpire during their quarantine period.
30. **Quarantine match zone** means that portion of the match day venue approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose as constituting the quarantine match zone.
31. **Quarantine period**, in relation to a relevant person or a relevant umpire, means any period or periods of time that are specified as a quarantine period in any direction to which the relevant person or relevant umpire (as the case may be) is subject.
32. **Relevant officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
33. **Relevant person** means a person who is a relevant person under:
- (a) the AFL 2021 Premiership Season (Western Bulldogs) Directions; or
 - (b) the AFL 2021 Premiership Season (Richmond) Directions; or
 - (c) any other direction given by me under the Act for the purpose of facilitating quarantine matches.
34. **Relevant umpire** means a person who is a relevant umpire under the AFL 2021 Premiership Season (Umpires) Directions or any other direction given by me under the Act for the purpose of facilitating quarantine matches.
35. **Restricted location** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
36. **SIA tester** means a person engaged by Sport Integrity Australia.

PENALTIES

A failure to comply with these directions may be an offence which is punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.

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Christopher John Dawson
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

4 June 2021 0736 hours

SCHEDULE 1

Row	Column 2 -	Column 3
1.	Approved quarantine venue	(a) the Tribe Hotel located at 4 Walker Avenue, West Perth WA 6005
2.	Approved quarantine venue plan	(a) in respect of the Tribe Hotel, the plan known as "Tribe Perth Kings Park Accommodation Hub Plan, Version One" last updated on 21 May 2021
3.	Approved training venue	<p>(a) North Oval adjacent to Optus Stadium located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood</p> <p>(b) Trinity Playing Fields located at 6 Elderfield Road, Waterford</p> <p>(c) Optus Stadium Training and Recreation Centre located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood</p> <p>(d) Optus Stadium located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood</p>
4.	Approved training venue plan	<p>(a) in respect of the North Oval, the plan known as "2021 AFL Training Venue Management Plan, Venue: Optus Stadium Northern Oval " last updated on 16 March 2021</p> <p>(b) in respect of the Trinity Playing Fields, the plan known as "2021 AFL Training Venue Management Plan, Venue: Trinity Playing Fields" last updated on 16 March 2021</p> <p>(c) in respect of the Optus Stadium Training and Recreation Centre, the plan known as "2021 AFL Training Venue Management Plan, Venue: Optus Stadium Training and Recreation Centre" last updated on 17 May 2021</p> <p>(d) in respect of Optus Stadium, the plan known as "Optus Stadium COVID-19 Quarantine Zone: Training Venue Management Plan Version 2" dated 14 March 2021</p>
5.	Match day venue	(a) Optus Stadium located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood
6.	Approved match day venue plan	(a) in respect of Optus Stadium, the plan known as "Optus Stadium Return to Crowds – Biosecurity & Biosafety Plan AFL 2021" dated 15 March 2021, Version 9 revision dated 18 March 2021
7.	Approved transport plan	(a) the plan by the Australian Transit Group known as "Driver Directive – to assist in minimising the spread

		<p>of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) – Transportation of Interstate Groups" undated</p> <p>(b) the plan by Adams known as "COVID-19 – 2021 Passenger Transport – Coach Cleaning Procedure dated 7 April 2021</p>
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