

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70 and 72A

AFL 2021 PREMIERSHIP SEASON (UMPIRES) DIRECTIONS (NO 2)

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.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions pursuant to my powers under sections 67, 70 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. These directions set out the requirements that apply to **relevant umpires** and are for the purpose of preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia and otherwise limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia while facilitating **quarantine matches**.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **AFL 2021 Premiership Season (Umpires) Directions (No 2)**.

COMMENCEMENT

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

REVOCATION

4. The AFL 2021 Premiership Season (Umpires) Directions are revoked.

OPERATION

5. Nothing in these directions affects the operation of the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions prior to the commencement of these directions.
6. A relevant umpire who has **entered** Western Australia, and who would, but for these directions, be subject to:
 - (a) a **quarantine requirement**; or

(b) a **presentation for testing requirement**,

under the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions, an **outbreak response direction**, an **exposure site direction** or the **presentation for testing directions** is not required to comply with those quarantine requirements or presentation for testing requirements, but must instead comply with these directions.

7. For the avoidance of doubt the requirements in these directions are in addition to, and do not derogate from, any other relevant requirement set out in the COVID Safe (Phase 5) Directions, or any further directions that I give that amend or replace those directions, provided that in the event of any inconsistency between those directions and these directions, these directions prevail.

DIRECTIONS

Quarantine at approved quarantine venue

8. From the time the relevant umpire arrives at the **approved quarantine venue**, the relevant umpire must remain inside their **accommodation area** within that approved quarantine venue for the **quarantine period**, unless the relevant umpire:
- (a) is given another **direction**; or
 - (b) leaves for the purposes of **participating** in an **authorised training activity** at an **approved training venue** in accordance with paragraph 11; or
 - (c) leaves for the purposes of participating in a quarantine match at a **match day venue** in accordance with paragraph 13; or
 - (d) leaves for the purposes of leaving Western Australia in accordance with paragraph 14.
9. During the quarantine period, a relevant umpire must:
- (a) comply with the relevant provisions of each **approved plan**; and
 - (b) take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5 metres away from any other person except in circumstances where the relevant person is:
 - (i) participating in an authorised training activity or between the approved quarantine venue and an approved training venue in accordance with paragraph 11; or

- (ii) participating in a quarantine match or travelling between the approved quarantine venue and the match day venue in accordance with paragraph 13; and
 - (c) take all reasonable steps to ensure that they do not allow any person to access their accommodation area within the approved quarantine venue unless the person falls within a category of person described in paragraph 7(a) of the **relevant venue directions**; and
 - (d) wear a face mask, if practicable and available, when travelling or in an enclosed space outside of the relevant approved quarantine venue; and
 - (e) if the relevant umpire wishes to remain in Western Australia following the conclusion of the quarantine match, on the twelfth day after the day on which the person was last in Victoria, present for testing for COVID-19 at a place approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for the purpose and comply with any conditions to which that approval is subject.
10. A relevant umpire must call 13 COVID (13 268 43) immediately if the relevant umpire develops or has recently experienced **symptoms** and follow any instruction they are given.

Authorised training activity

11. Unless otherwise directed, a relevant umpire may leave the approved quarantine venue to participate in an authorised training activity at an approved training venue at an **approved training time** provided that the relevant umpire:
- (a) travels from the approved quarantine venue to the approved training venue in accordance with paragraph 12 by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and
 - (b) complies with the relevant **approved training venue plan** whilst at the approved training venue; and
 - (c) travels from the approved training venue to the approved quarantine venue at the end of the authorised training activity in accordance with paragraph 12 by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel.

12. A relevant umpire must travel, either alone or with one or more other relevant umpires:
- (a) in a **charter vehicle**; or
 - (b) in a relevant umpire's own motor vehicle.

Quarantine match

13. A relevant umpire may leave the approved quarantine venue for the purpose of officiating at a quarantine match at a match day venue provided that the relevant umpire:
- (a) is tested in the 48 hours prior to the quarantine match, and receives a negative result in respect of such test in the 24 hours prior to the quarantine match; and
 - (b) travels from the approved quarantine venue to the match day venue in accordance with paragraph 12 by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and
 - (c) complies with the **approved match day venue plan** whilst at the match day venue; and
 - (d) as soon as possible after the end of the quarantine match, travels from the match day venue to the approved quarantine venue in accordance with paragraph 12 by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel, or to the departure terminal for the purpose of leaving Western Australia in accordance with paragraph 14.

Leaving Western Australia

14. A relevant umpire may leave the approved quarantine venue or match day venue for the purpose of leaving Western Australia provided that the relevant umpire:
- (a) when travelling to the departure terminal to embark on a departing flight, travels:
 - (i) in the relevant umpire's own motor vehicle; or
 - (ii) in a charter vehicle; or
 - (iii) in another way that an authorised officer directs the relevant umpire to take, either orally or in writing,

from the approved quarantine venue or match day venue (as the case may be) to the departure terminal by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and

- (b) as soon as they arrive at the departure terminal, remains at the departure terminal until they leave on the departing flight; and
- (c) boards the departing flight when it is possible to do so and remains on the departing flight until it takes off; and
- (d) if unable to leave Western Australia on the departing flight for any reason, contacts an **authorised officer** as soon as possible and asks for a direction and complies with any direction given.

Immediate threat to safety

15. Notwithstanding anything in these directions, a relevant umpire may leave a **relevant place** during their quarantine period to escape an immediate threat to their safety provided that the relevant umpire:

- (a) goes no further from the relevant place than is necessary to escape that threat; and
- (b) returns to the relevant place as soon as it is safe to do so; and
- (c) if unable to return to the relevant place within an hour of leaving, telephones the police on 131 444 and informs them that the relevant umpire is subject to a quarantine direction and had to leave the relevant place.

Urgent medical treatment

16. Notwithstanding anything in these directions, a relevant umpire may leave a relevant place during their quarantine period:

- (a) to seek urgent medical treatment at a **hospital** or other treatment facility when it is necessary to leave the relevant place in order for that treatment to be provided; or
- (b) if the relevant umpire is also a **support officer**, to accompany another relevant umpire leaving the relevant place under paragraph (a),

provided that the relevant umpire:

- (c) prior to leaving the relevant place (if it is practicable to do so), telephones the ambulance service or the hospital or other treatment facility at which the urgent medical treatment will be sought and informs them that the relevant umpire is subject to a quarantine direction and needs to attend the hospital or other treatment facility for urgent medical treatment (provided that a relevant umpire will not breach this paragraph if they are, or are accompanied by, a relevant umpire within paragraph (b) and one of the relevant umpires has so informed the ambulance service or the hospital or other treatment facility); and
- (d) goes to the hospital or other treatment facility by ambulance or by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and
- (e) complies with any direction or **instruction** given by an **emergency officer** or a **responsible officer**; and
- (f) unless otherwise directed or **instructed** by an emergency officer or a responsible officer, returns to the approved quarantine venue as soon as possible after the urgent medical treatment has been provided by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel.

AUTHORISATION

17. 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.

MISCELLANEOUS

18. Any reference in these directions to any other direction made by me as the State Emergency Coordinator is deemed to be a reference to that direction as amended or replaced from time to time.

DEFINITIONS

19. **Accommodation area** means that part of the approved quarantine venue to which relevant umpires are permitted to have access in accordance with the **approved quarantine venue plan**.

20. **AFL** means the body corporate known as Australian Football League (ACN 004 155 211).

21. **Approved match day venue plan** means the relevant plan in relation to the match day venue that is an approved match day venue plan under the relevant venue directions.

Note: at the time of giving these directions the relevant plan is the plan identified in Row 9, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1.

22. **Approved plan** means each of:

- (a) the approved match day venue plan; and
- (b) the approved quarantine venue plan; and
- (c) the approved training venue plan.

23. **Approved quarantine venue** means the venue specified in Row 4, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions.

24. **Approved quarantine venue plan** means the relevant plan in relation to the approved quarantine venue that is an approved quarantine venue plan under the relevant venue directions.

Note: at the time of giving these directions the relevant plan is the plan specified in Row 7, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1.

25. **Approved training time** mean the times specified in Row 3, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions.

26. **Approved training venue** means the training venues specified in Row 5, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions.

27. **Approved training venue plan** means the relevant plan in relation to an approved training venue that is an approved training venue plan under the relevant venue directions.

Note: at the time of giving these directions the relevant plans are those plans specified in Row 8, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1.

28. **Authorised officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.

Note: at the time of giving these directions, all police officers are authorised officers.

29. **Authorised training activity** means training and related exercise and physical conditioning undertaken in connection with officiating or preparing to officiate Australian Rules Football matches in the AFL 2021 premiership season, including:
- (a) individual training or group 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 and related exercise which forms an ordinary part of the training programme of an AFL umpire, including physiotherapy and sports medicine.
30. **Charter vehicle** means a charter bus or other charter vehicle that has been hired for the exclusively for the transport of relevant umpires.
31. **Direction** includes any direction under the Act or the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA), whether the direction is given orally or in writing, and **directed** includes directed by way of a direction under the Act or the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA), whether the direction is given orally or in writing.
32. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).
33. **Enter** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions where used in connection with a person coming into or having come into Western Australia and **entered** has a corresponding meaning.
34. **Exposure period** means, in respect of an **exposure site**, a period of time identified in materials published by the government of New Zealand or any Australian State or Territory as being a time period when a person was at heightened risk of contracting COVID-19 if they were at the exposure site.
35. **Exposure site** means a specific building, business, facility or location that has been identified in materials published by the government of New Zealand or any Australian State or Territory as being a location where a person was at heightened risk of contracting COVID-19 if they were at the location during the **exposure period**.

36. **Exposure site direction** means a direction made under the Act which imposes an obligation on a person based upon that person having been at an exposure site during the relevant exposure period.
37. **Hospital** has the same meaning that it has in the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).
38. **Instruction** means an instruction given for the purposes of these directions which is not itself a direction, whether the instruction is given orally or in writing, and **instructed** means instructed by way of an instruction, whether the instruction is given orally or in writing.
39. **Match day venue** means the match day venue specified in Row 6, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions.
40. **Outbreak response direction** means any directions made under the Act which in substance:
- (a) limit the categories of person who may enter Western Australia from New Zealand or another Australian State or Territory based upon an outbreak of COVID-19 within New Zealand or that State or Territory (or a part thereof); or
 - (b) impose quarantine requirements or presentation for testing requirements upon persons who enter Western Australia from New Zealand or another Australian State or Territory based upon an outbreak of COVID-19 within New Zealand or that Australian State or Territory (or a part thereof),
- including the Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions, but does not include:
- (c) the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions; or
 - (d) any **specified arrangement**; or
 - (e) any exposure site directions.
41. **Participate** means to:
- (a) undertake or engage in; or
 - (b) organise,
- and **participating** has a corresponding meaning.

42. **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.
43. **Presentation for testing direction** means the Presentation for Testing Directions (No 28).
44. **Presentation for testing requirement** means an obligation imposed on a person to present to be tested for COVID-19.
45. **Quarantine match** means:
- (a) any match specified in Row 1, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions; and
 - (b) any other match of Australian Rules Football in which any relevant umpire is participating during their quarantine period that is played in Western Australia in the AFL 2021 premiership season and that is approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.
46. **Quarantine period**, in relation to a relevant umpire, means the period ending 14 days after the day on which the relevant umpire was last in a **restricted location** prior to their most recent entry into Western Australia.
47. **Quarantine requirement** means an obligation imposed on a person to travel to, or remain within, any place (including **suitable premises**) for a period of time in order to mitigate the risk of such a person infecting any other person with COVID-19.
48. **Relevant place** means each of the approved quarantine venue, the approved training venue and the match day venue.
49. **Relevant umpire** means a person who has entered Western Australia and who is:
- (a) a person engaged to officiate a match of Australian Rules Football in Western Australia in the AFL 2021 premiership season, and who has entered Western Australia for the purpose of officiating a quarantine match; or
 - (b) a person who coaches or trains a relevant umpire in paragraph (a) and who has entered Western Australia in that capacity; or

- (c) a support officer whose contractual duties include being a support officer for a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) and who has entered Western Australia in that capacity; or
 - (d) any other person approved as a relevant umpire in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.
50. **Relevant venue directions** means the directions specified in Row 2, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions.
51. **Responsible officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
52. **Restricted location** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
53. **Specified Arrangement** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
54. **Suitable premises** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
55. **Support officer** means a person who is appropriately trained and qualified to provide support to a relevant umpire described in paragraph 49(a) or (b) and includes, for the avoidance of doubt, medical personnel engaged by the AFL.
56. **Symptoms** means any one or more of:
- (a) a fever of 37.5 degrees or above; or
 - (b) a recent history of fever; or
 - (c) symptoms of acute respiratory infection (including, but without limitation, shortness of breath, a cough or sore throat); or
 - (d) loss of smell or loss of taste.

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
Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

15 July 2021 0841 hours

SCHEDULE 1

Row	Column 2	Column 3
1.	Quarantine match	AFL 2021 premiership season game between the AFL club and the Fremantle Football Club, scheduled to occur on 15 July 2021 at 18.10.
2.	Relevant venue directions	AFL 2021 Premiership Season (AFL and Venues) Directions
3.	Approved training time	Between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm on each day
4.	Approved quarantine venue	Mercure Hotel, 10 Irwin Street, Perth WA
5.	Approved training venues	<p>(a) North Oval adjacent to Optus Stadium located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood</p> <p>(b) Optus Stadium Training and Recreation Centre located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood</p> <p>(c) Optus Stadium located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood</p>
6.	Match day venue	Optus Stadium located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood
7.	Approved quarantine venue plan	"Mercure Perth – AFL General Operations Plan Standard Operating Procedure" dated 17 June 2021
8.	Approved training venue plans	<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 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>(c) 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>

Row	Column 2	Column 3
9.	Approved match day venue plan	"Optus Stadium Return to Crowds – Biosecurity & Biosafety Plan AFL 2021", version 11 dated 23 June 2021