

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70 and 72A

**AFL 2021 PREMIERSHIP SEASON FINALS SERIES (UMPIRES)
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.

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 Finals Series (Umpires) Directions**.

COMMENCEMENT

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

REVOCATION

4. The AFL 2021 Premiership Season (Umpires) Directions (No 5) are revoked.

OPERATION

5. If a relevant umpire is subject to a **quarantine or isolation requirement** under the Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2) or an **exposure site direction**, the umpire must comply with the requirements of the Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2) or the exposure site direction (as applicable) for as long as those requirements apply to that umpire and not these directions, provided that, if the period of quarantine imposed by the

Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2) or an exposure site direction (as applicable) ends prior to the **quarantine period**, the umpire must comply with these directions upon conclusion of that period of quarantine.

APPROVAL

6. I approve each relevant umpire who has been in a **medium risk jurisdiction**:
- (a) after the **relevant time** in respect of that jurisdiction; and
 - (b) in the 14 days before the person enters Western Australia,
- as an approved traveller for the purposes of paragraph 52(g) of the Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions (No 6).

DIRECTIONS

7. A relevant umpire who **enters** Western Australia pursuant to these directions, and who would, but for these directions, be subject to:
- (a) a quarantine or isolation requirement; or
 - (b) a **presentation for testing requirement**,
- under the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions, an **outbreak response direction** or the **presentation for testing directions** or paragraph 5 of the Quarantine and Isolation (Undiagnosed) Directions (No 2), is not required to comply with those quarantine or isolation requirements or presentation for testing requirements, provided that the relevant umpire:
- (c) receives a **negative test result** in respect of a test for COVID-19 conducted within 48 hours of arriving in Western Australia at an **approved quarantine venue** or at a place approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose; and
 - (d) receives a negative test result in respect of a test for COVID-19 conducted on the day before a quarantine match at the approved quarantine venue or a place approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for the purpose; and
 - (e) receives a negative test result in respect of a test for COVID-19 conducted on the twelfth day after the day on which the relevant referee was last in a **restricted location** (if the relevant umpire remains in Western Australia at that

time) at an approved quarantined venue or a place approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for the purpose; and

(f) complies with these directions.

8. A relevant umpire who proposes to enter or enters Western Australia must comply with paragraphs 4, 5 and 5A of the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
9. A relevant umpire must enter Western Australia on a **charter flight**.

Quarantine at approved quarantine venue

10. Unless otherwise directed, upon entering Western Australia, a relevant umpire must travel to an approved quarantine venue as soon as possible and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest.
11. A relevant umpire must travel to an approved quarantine venue:
 - (a) in the umpire's own motor vehicle; or
 - (b) in a **charter vehicle**; or
 - (c) in another way that an authorised officer directs the relevant umpire to take, either orally or in writing.
12. From the time the relevant umpire arrives at an 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 purpose of travelling from an approved quarantine venue to another approved quarantine venue; or
 - (c) leaves for the purposes of **participating** in an **authorised training activity** at an **approved training venue** in accordance with paragraph 15; or
 - (d) leaves for the purposes of officiating a quarantine match at a **match day venue** in accordance with paragraph 17; or
 - (e) leaves for the purposes of leaving Western Australia in accordance with paragraph 18.
13. 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 umpire is:
 - (i) participating in an authorised training activity or travelling between approved quarantine venues or between an approved quarantine venue and an approved training venue in accordance with paragraph 17 and the other person is also a relevant umpire or relevant person; or
 - (ii) participating in a quarantine match or travelling between approved quarantine venues or between an approved quarantine venue and the match day venue in accordance with paragraph 18 and the other person is also participating in or officiating the quarantine match; 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 when travelling or in an enclosed space outside of the relevant approved quarantine venue unless one or more of the **face covering exceptions** apply to the relevant umpire at that time.
14. 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

15. Unless otherwise directed, a relevant umpire may leave an 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) is not displaying symptoms; and
 - (b) travels from the approved quarantine venue to the approved training venue in accordance with paragraph 16 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 relevant **approved training venue plan** whilst at the approved training venue; and

- (d) travels from the approved training venue to the approved quarantine venue at the end of the authorised training activity in accordance with paragraph 16 by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel.
16. 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

17. A relevant umpire may leave an approved quarantine venue for the purpose of officiating a quarantine match at a match day venue provided that the relevant umpire:
- (a) has complied with paragraph 7(c) and (d); and
 - (b) travels from the approved quarantine venue to the match day venue in accordance with paragraph 16 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 16 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 18.

Leaving Western Australia

18. A relevant umpire may leave an approved quarantine venue or match day venue for the purpose of leaving Western Australia provided that the relevant umpire:
- (a) leaves Western Australia on a charter flight; and
 - (b) 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
- (c) as soon as they arrive at the departure terminal, remains at the departure terminal until they leave on the departing flight; and
- (d) boards the departing flight when it is possible to do so and remains on the departing flight until it takes off; and
- (e) 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

19. 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

20. 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 to go to the hospital or other treatment facility:
 - (i) notifies the relevant hospital or treatment facility that the relevant umpire is subject to these requirements; and
 - (ii) obtains approval from the relevant hospital or treatment facility to attend for treatment at the relevant hospital or treatment facility,provided that a relevant umpire will not breach this paragraph if they are, or are accompanied by, a relevant person within paragraph (b) and one of the relevant umpires has so informed the ambulance service or the hospital or other treatment facility; and
- (d) after obtaining the approval referred to in paragraph (c)(ii) and as soon as reasonably practicable, contacts an authorised officer and informs the authorised officer that they have approval to attend the relevant hospital or treatment facility for treatment; and
- (e) 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
- (f) complies with any direction or **instruction** given by an authorised officer, an **emergency officer** or a **responsible officer**; and
- (g) unless otherwise directed or **instructed** by an authorised officer, 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

21. 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.

INTERPRETATION

22. 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

23. **Accommodation area** means that part of an approved quarantine venue to which relevant umpires are permitted to have access in accordance with the **approved quarantine venue plan**.
24. **AFL** means the body corporate known as Australian Football League (ACN 004 155 211).
25. **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.

26. **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.
27. **Approved quarantine venue** means:
- (a) any venue specified in Row 4, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions; or
 - (b) any other venue approved under paragraph 19(b) of the relevant venue directions for use to accommodate a relevant umpire in their quarantine period.
28. **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 plans are the plans specified in Row 7, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1.

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

30. **Approved training 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 an authorised training activity under paragraph 21(b) of the relevant venue directions.

31. **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.

32. **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.

33. **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 finals series, 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.

34. **Charter flight** means an aircraft that has been hired for the exclusive use of **relevant persons** or relevant umpires or both.

35. **Charter vehicle** means a charter bus or other charter vehicle that has been hired exclusively for the transport of relevant umpires.

36. **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.
37. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).
38. **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 **enters** has a corresponding meaning.
39. **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.
40. **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**.
41. **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.
42. **Face covering exceptions** means any of the following circumstances or situations that apply to the relevant umpire at the relevant time:
- (a) the person has a physical, developmental or mental illness, injury, condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable; or
 - (b) the person is communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication; or
 - (c) the person needs to temporarily remove their face covering so as to enable another person to appropriately perform their occupation; or
 - (d) the person is consuming food, drink or medicine; or
 - (e) the person is asked to remove the face covering to ascertain identity; or

- (f) not wearing a face covering is required for emergency purposes (other than emergency preparation or emergency preparation activities, unless another exception specified in this paragraph applies); or
- (g) the person is working in the absence of others in an enclosed indoor space (unless and until another person enters that indoor space); or
- (h) the person is running or jogging or otherwise engaged in some form of strenuous or vigorous exercise or physical activity; or
- (i) the person is travelling in a **motor vehicle** and is the sole occupant of that vehicle; or
- (j) the person is undergoing emergency medical or dental care or treatment to the extent that such care or treatment requires that no face covering be worn; or
- (k) the person is directed by a judicial officer or tribunal member in proceedings in a court or tribunal to remove their face covering to ensure the proper conduct of those proceedings; or
- (l) not wearing a face covering is otherwise required or authorised by law; or
- (m) wearing a face covering is not safe in all the circumstances,

provided that, where a person is relying on an exception under subparagraph (b) to (m), that person resumes wearing the face covering as soon as reasonably practicable after the person no longer falls within the relevant exception.

- 43. **Hospital** has the same meaning that it has in the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).
- 44. **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.
- 45. **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.
- 46. **Motor vehicle** has the same meaning that it has in paragraph (b) of the definition of "motor vehicle" in section 4 of the *Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008* (WA).
- 47. **Medium risk jurisdiction** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.

48. **Negative test result** means a test result:
- (a) where no evidence of infection with COVID-19 was detected; or
 - (b) where evidence of previous COVID-19 infection was detected, but where the Chief Health Officer or a person authorised by him for that purpose has classified such infection as being a historical case.
49. **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 (No 6), but does not include:
- (c) the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions; or
 - (d) any **specified arrangement**; or
 - (e) any exposure site directions.
50. **Participate** means to:
- (a) undertake or engage in; or
 - (b) organise,
- and **participating** has a corresponding meaning.
51. **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.
52. **Presentation for testing directions** means the Presentation for Testing Directions (No 34).
53. **Presentation for testing requirement** means an obligation imposed on a person to present to be tested for COVID-19.

54. **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 person is participating during their quarantine period that is played in Western Australia in the AFL 2021 premierships season finals series and that is approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.
55. **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.
56. **Quarantine or isolation 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.
57. **Relevant place** means each of the approved quarantine venue, the approved training venue and the match day venue.
58. **Relevant time** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
59. **Relevant person** has the same meaning that it has in the AFL 2021 Premierships Season (AFL and Venues) Directions (No 3).
60. **Relevant umpire** means a person who enters or will enter Western Australia pursuant to these directions and who is:
- (a) a person engaged to officiate a match of Australian Rules Football in Western Australia in the AFL 2021 premierships season finals series and who enters or will enter 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 enters or will enter 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 enters or will enter 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.
61. **Relevant venue directions** means the directions specified in Row 2, Column 3 of the table set out in Schedule 1 of these directions.
62. **Responsible officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
63. **Restricted location** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
64. **Specified arrangement** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
65. **Suitable premises** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
66. **Support officer** means a person who is appropriately trained and qualified to provide support to a relevant umpire described in paragraph 60(a) or (b) and includes, for the avoidance of doubt, medical personnel engaged by the AFL.
67. **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

27 August 2021 1754 hours

SCHEDULE 1

Row	Column 2	Column 3
1.	Quarantine matches	<p><i>Note: no match is currently specified.</i></p> <p><i>Pursuant to paragraph 54(b) the State Emergency Coordinator or a person authorised by the State Emergency Coordinator can approve any other match of Australian Rules Football in which any relevant person is participating during their quarantine period that is played in Western Australia in the AFL 2021 premiership season finals series as a quarantine match.</i></p>
2.	Relevant venue directions	AFL 2021 Premiership Season (AFL and Venues) Directions (No 3)
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) Trinity Playing Fields located at 6 Elderfield Road, Waterford</p> <p>(b) North Oval adjacent to Optus Stadium located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood</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> <p>(e) HBF Arena located at Kennedy Drive, Joondalup</p> <p>(f) East Fremantle Oval located at cnr Moss and Marmion Streets, East Fremantle</p> <p>(g) WA State Academy Gym, 105 Banksia Street, Tuart Hill</p> <p>(h) Mineral Resources Park, located at 42 Bishopsgate Street, Lathlain</p> <p>(i) Cockburn Aquatic and Recreation Centre located at 31 Veterans Parade, Cockburn Central</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

Row	Column 2	Column 3
8.	Approved training venue plans	<p>(a) 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>(b) 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>(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> <p>(e) in respect of the HBF Arena, the plan known as "2021 AFL Training Venue Management Plan, Venue: HBF Arena" last updated on 16 March 2021</p> <p>(f) in respect of East Fremantle Oval, the plan known as "2021 AFL Training Venue Management Plan, Venue: East Fremantle Oval" dated 25 August 2021</p> <p>(g) in respect of WA State Academy Gym, the plan known as "2021 AFL Training Venue Management Plan, Venue: WA State Academy Gym" last updated 23 August 2021</p> <p>(h) in respect of Mineral Resources Park, the plan known as "COVID-19 Two Week Quarantine Protocol Mineral Resources Park Commencing 31 July 2021 until the end of the 2021 AFL season Version 1.4" dated 29 July 2021</p> <p>(i) in respect of the Cockburn Aquatic and Recreation Centre, the plan known as "FFC COVID-19 Quarantine Health and Safety Plan" dated 25 June 2021</p>
9.	Approved match day venue plan	"Optus Stadium Return to Crowds – Biosecurity & Biosafety Plan AFL 2021", version 11 dated 23 June 2021