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Return to Small Outdoor Group Training Protocols

19-5-20

Returning to play community sport in a safe, hygienic and controlled manner is of paramount importance to AFL Barwon. The safety and wellbeing of all our participants and club volunteers remains our number one priority.

Following last week's Victorian State Government announcement around the return of community sport, AFL Barwon is endorsing a return to club sanctioned small outdoor group training for both community football and netball across all age groups.

AFL Barwon endorses Netball Victoria's return to **community netball** training guidelines, with clubs able to commence in a safe and cautious manner with up to groups of 10 from **Thursday, May 21**.

AFL Barwon endorses AFL Victoria's return to small outdoor group training for **community football**, with clubs able to commence in a safe and cautious manner with up to groups of 10 from **Monday, May 25**.

Clubs can resume training within the scope of the protocols, but it is not the date that they must start training. When, or if, a club resumes training remains entirely up to the discretion of the club.

Below is a link to the online training each club is required to complete as part of the protocols, which takes around 15 minutes to complete.

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>

Further detail on training protocols for football and netball can be viewed via the links on the next page,

AFL Barwon will continue to work with AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria, aligning with the AIS framework for rebooting sport and follow any direction from State Government. While a return to small outdoor group training is a positive small step, the health of our region cannot be compromised. All AFL Barwon competitions and programs remain postponed until May 31, and no decision on a return to play date has been made.

The leagues/competitions/associations and all players, umpires, coaches and officials covered by this update are:

Geelong Football Netball League

Bellarine Football Netball League

Colac and District Football Netball League

Geelong and District Football Netball League

Senior Female Football Competitions

AFL Barwon Junior Male & Female Football

AFL Barwon Junior Netball

Geelong Football Umpires League

Colac District Football Umpires Association

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Netball Victoria and AFL Victoria have created protocol documents, plus downloadable and editable resources for clubs to use upon return to training. All can be viewed on the AFL Barwon website.

- <http://www.aflbarwon.com.au/covid-19-resources/>

Links for people across the football community network will be made available to access the Toyota AFL Club Help website where you can download a variety of resources and documents to assist you to implement the protocols, including posters to help with the education process. There will be an FAQ section on the site which will be expanded as further information becomes available or more questions come through.

- <https://www.afl.com.au/clubhelp/covid-19/faqs/return-faqs>

Netball Victoria have also provided numerous resources for clubs, all of which are available via the below link.

- <https://vic.netball.com.au/covid-19-information>

The protocols are based on the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport.

- https://ais.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/730376/35845_AIS-Framework-for-rebooting-sport_FA.pdf

and Victorian State Government guidelines around the resumption of sport and recreation activities.

- <https://sport.vic.gov.au/our-work/return-to-play/resumption-of-sport-and-recreation-activities>

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