

Memorandum

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Subject	COVID-19 Update – "Updated Gathering Restrictions" and exceptions to "Stay at Home" Measures
To:	Club President
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Dear Club Presidents

We refer you to the WA Government's recent announcement in relation to the "Updated Gathering Restrictions" and "Stay at Home" measures previously put in place to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in the WA Community (see link for full details here <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-community-advice#social-distancing>).

Included in the list of exceptions to the "Stay at Home" rule were exercise and sporting activities, and as such are particularly relevant to the sport related activities of your clubs and members.

Essentially the exceptions now allow for "exercise, including outdoor personal training (up to 10 people) without shared equipment."

This exception should be read in conjunction with the standing government requirements in relation to "Social Distancing" that requires a minimum distance of 1.5 metres between individuals.

It should also be noted that the exception listed above relates to "outdoor personal training" only. As it is silent on "indoor" training then *at this stage* this activity would not be considered an exception to the "Stay at Home" rule.

All clubs must ensure that when they either make exercise programs available to their members or the public, or they sanction a member based activity (which would include all activity utilising club equipment) that this activity falls within the boundaries of this exception, updated restrictions and *existing requirements in relation to "Social Distancing"*.

It should be noted that restrictions are enforceable by fines of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for businesses. Police also have the power to issue \$1,000 on-the-spot fines.

Regards



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