

Common Questions and Answers

During this COVID outbreak, Football Federation Australia (FFA) and the Northern Suburbs Football Association (NSFA) (our governing body), have circulated their own directives regarding best practice for containing the spread of the COVID virus.

The FFA have directed all football related activities to cease until 14 April 2020. They will review this date closer to the time.

The NSFA have directed all football related activities to cease until 1 May 2020. WPFC are following the NSFA directive, because they are responding to our local environment. Before 1 May 2020, NSFA will review the situation and send out another directive. Our Club Committee will meet at this time to determine our options. We will continue to provide updates regarding the FFA and NSFA position as we receive them.

Please see below for common questions and answers. If we have not provided the information you are after, please contact the club MPIO (Member Protection Information Officer), Louise Butler (email: mpio@wpfc.com.au). For urgent issues only, please contact Louise on her mobile (ph: 0437 041 049).

Will the season go ahead this year?

At this stage we expect the season to start from 1 May 2020, and we are acting in accordance with this timeline. Registrations and WWC clearances will continue. Team formations will be finalised. The coaches and managers meeting will occur closer to 1 May 2020 and kit bags will be handed out at that time. We will confirm new dates for the purchase of shirts and socks. We continue to need parents to volunteer for coaching and managing positions, so every team is ready to start by 1 May 2020.

Will the season be extended this year, so we get a full season?

At this point we do not know. The NSFA is looking into a variety of options in an attempt to give us as much of a season as possible.

Will there be a refund, or partial refund, if the season is shorter this year?

We will not know how the season will look until closer to 1 May 2020. When we receive an update from the NSFA the Club Committee will get together to form a plan. We will give refunds where possible. The amount depends on some factors outside of our control. Watch this space for further updates as we get closer to 1 May 2020. As we are expecting the season to go ahead, any refunds will not be considered until after May 2020 when we are better informed about the situation.

Is Coerver training going ahead?

WPFC are complying with the NSFA directive, to remain in line with local sentiment. This means that **all football related activities organised through our Club** (all training, trial matches and games) are cancelled until 1 May 2020. Over the next few weeks the NSFA will review the situation and send out another directive. Our Club Committee will meet at this time to consider our options.

Coerver Sydney North Shore is a private organisation that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the FFA or NSFA. As such they will continue to communicate directly to their own players and parents about their own programs and make decisions directed by the advice and guidance of the Australian Government and Government Health Authorities. Please contact Coerver Sydney North Shore directly if you have any questions on this at sydneyns@coerver.com.au.

If players or their parents within WPFC wish to attend Coerver courses outside of their commitment to WPFC, they are free to do so. This involvement will not relate to the Club in any way.

The Club Committee will continue to provide updates regarding the FFA and NSFA position as we receive them. This will include when our teams are able to recommence full winter training.