

Volleyball WA Update COVID19 (Coronavirus) - Wednesday, 18 March 2020

The decisions below reflect our responsibility to contribute to the safety of our staff, members and wider community, and we have carefully considered each of our activities on the individual situation. These decisions are based on the information and advice as provided the Federal and State Government to date.

VWA Office and Staff Team

The VWA Staff team will progressively move to working from home. At this stage the VWA Office will remain open with reduced (three) staff members working from the office each day. To this end all functions of the VWA Office will remain operational and phones calls to the VWA office will continue to be answered.

VWA 2020 Calendar

DATE	EVENT	STATUS	NOTES	RATIONALE
19 March	AVL – Women training	Cancelled until 4 April, 2020 Watch and Act	The venue (school) cancelled facility usage	WA Education Department has advised cancellation of all out of school activities
21 March	Level #2 Coaching Course	Face-to-face course cancelled	To be rescheduled and delivered via webinar	Although less than 100 persons, the attendees will be in static contact
22 March	Harmony Cup	Postponed	To be rescheduled to later in the year - TBC	More than 100 persons indoor event
23 March	Teacher PD	Postponed	To be rescheduled to later in the year - TBC	WA Education Department has advised cancellation of all out of school activities
23 March	WAVL Nominations due	On schedule	WAVL Clubs and Associations to provide their nominations.	WAVL commences after the 1 st May, 2020
28 – 29 March	ATA Beach Tour - Trigg	Cancelled	Cancelled due to low numbers - as this is the last tour event for the 2019 / 2020 seasons the teams who have entered will receive refunds	Low numbers (3 teams entered to date)
30 March	AJBVC Review Meeting	Postponed	To be rescheduled via teleconference	Non-essential and attendees will be in static contact.
April	Volleyball Australia AVA and ADP Camps	Cancelled as per lists provided	As per advice received from Volleyball Australia	
3 April	Primary Schools Cup	Cancelled	Next event in Term 4	WA Education Department has advised cancellation of all out of school activities

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4 April	Level #2 Referee Course	On schedule	To be provided by webinar	Although less than 100 persons, attendees will be in static contact.
4 April	ATA COO Beach	Open	Watch and Act	An event less than 500 persons
5 April	VWA Beach Committee Meeting	On schedule	To be provided by teleconference	Non-essential and attendees will be in static contact.
6 April	WAVJL Nominations due	Postponed	An updated WAVJL 2020 Important dates schedule will be provided shortly.	Currently following advice as issued by the Education Department
10-12 April	Australian Sikh Games	Postponed	Awaiting further advice from the event organisers	An event more than 100 persons.
14 - 19 April	Philippines Invitational Club Tournament (AVL Women)	Postponed	To be rescheduled - TBC	Involves overseas travel
22 - 23 April	Junior Steel Volleyball Camp	Cancelled	If possible the Camp will be rescheduled for the July School holidays	An event with the potential of over 100 persons - indoor
29 April	VWA Lead Volley Panel	On schedule	To be provided by teleconference	Non-essential and attendees will be in static contact.
May	Volleyball Australia AVA and ADP Camps	Cancelled - early May as per lists provided	Volleyball Australia to advise in regards to camps in late May	
2-3 May	Mandurah Cup	Watch and Act	Seeking Advice from Facility and Local Government Authorities	An event with potentially more than 100 persons - indoor
4 May	AJVC Pre-season	Watch and Act		
5 May	School Sport WA Champion Schools 10 -12	Cancelled	As per advice provided by School Sport WA	An event with more than 100 persons - indoor
8 May	WAVJL commences	Watch and Act	An updated WAVJL 2020 Important dates schedule will be provided shortly.	Currently following advice as issued by the Education Department
10 May	WAVL commences	Watch and Act		An event with more than 100 persons - indoor
11 May	VWA Referee Committee	On schedule	Watch and Act	
18 May	VWA Coaching Committee	On schedule	Watch and Act	

23 & 25 May	AJVC Trials	Watch and Act		
26 May	VWA AGM	On schedule	VWA will advise Clubs and Associations in relation to attendance – solely digital or alternative options	
29 May	School Sport WA Champion School 7-9	Cancelled	As per advice provided by School Sport WA	An event with more than 100 persons - indoor
3 – 6 June	Perth International Tournament (VWA Steel – women)	Postponed	To be rescheduled – TBC	

VWA Other Activities

Normal activities will continue for;

- All WAVL Planning – please continue to nominate as usual
- Club Development activities and planning
- Online referee and coaching courses – business as usual with more information to come
- Sporting Schools Programs – will continue to be run based on individual school needs along with increased coach protocols
- Venue Hire Function hires (within WA Health guidelines) at Inner City Beach
- Kids Volley Programs – Stirling Leisure Centre - Hamersley and Visko Park – Cockburn (within WA Health Guidelines)

Community Sport – Prime Ministers Media Statement (18 March, 2020)

The National Cabinet accepted advice from the AHPPC that community sporting activities could continue with involvement from essential participants (players, coaches, match officials, staff and volunteers involved in operations, and parents and guardians of participants).

This advice follows ongoing consultation with sporting organisations which has resulted in guidelines being prepared for community sporting organisations. The guidelines provide relevant advice on change room access, physical contact, travel, and social distancing and hygiene practices.

Furthermore, it has been acknowledged that contact sports have a greater risk of transmission than other sports, and as such, should be considered on a case-by-case basis. All sporting codes should seek public health advice applicable to their codes, and take into account outdoor mass gathering issues.

Training and Competitions for less than 100 persons (indoors) and 500 persons (outdoors);

- VWA will undertake Risk Assessments on a case by case basis and follow all directions and advice provided by the Federal and State Governments.

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- In relation to the ongoing activities for our Clubs and Associations we would recommend you also undertake Risk Assessments which include the following aspects;
 - Is the event less than 100 persons (indoor), or 500 persons (outdoor)
 - Is the event a static event? And / or will spectators be attending?
 - What actions has the facility taken in regards to their Risk Assessment, for example;
 - What information are they providing in relation to their Risk Management
 - Are their toilets and changerooms clean and provide soap and paper towels
 - Requirements and information are provided in relation to the following;
 - Protocols for coaches and referees
 - Protocols for spectators, including asking them not to attend
 - Protocols established for hygiene measures and social distancing
 - Protocols in regards to not sharing water bottles and towels
 - Protocols established for self-isolation after travel overseas and indications of sickness
- In summary, club base activities for gatherings less than 100 (for now) remain permitted as long as all precautions are taken as recommended by government authorities inclusive of the above.

Authoritative Advice Reference Material

Further authoritative advice on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) can be found using the following links or for general guidance regarding COVID-19, call the Australian Government's Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

- [Prime Minister Update on Coronavirus Measures \(18 March 2020\)](#)
- [Minister for Sport COVID-19 Guidelines \(18 March 2020\)](#)
- [WA Department of Health](#)
- [WA Government - Information and Advice](#)
- [Australian Government Department of Health](#)
- [Staying Active](#)
- [Smart Traveller website advice](#)
- [World Health Organisation - Situation Reports](#)
- [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) FAQ](#)
- [WA Government Pandemic Plan Release - 11 March 2020](#)

