

South Perth United COVID-19 Procedure Document

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1. Purpose

This Standard Operating Procedure is for all South Perth United (SPU) Members. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on how to safely participate in football during the current coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

By partaking in any activities led by SPU during the COVID-19 outbreak, all players, parents, volunteers and coaches agree to abide by the protocols laid out in this document.

The document will be regularly reviewed and updated in line with ongoing alerts and communication from the State and Federal Government, Football West, Football Federation Australia (FFA) and Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). Procedures laid out in this document are based upon the following standards set by Football West and AIS.

- [Football West Guidelines for return to modified and limited football activities](#)
- [AIS Framework for rebooting sport](#)

Despite the recommencement of limited training, any player, parent, volunteer or coach that is not comfortable or does not wish to partake in football activities in the current climate is under no obligation to do so. They are not required to provide a reason as to why they do not wish to partake. The South Perth United Committee understand that individuals and families must do what is best for your mental and physical health. Regardless of your decision, South Perth United is here to support you.

2. Background

Australia is continuing to closely monitor an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause illnesses from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).

The World Health Organization [WHO](#) has characterised the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Pandemic.

The latest information on COVID-19 is available from the Australian Commonwealth Government [Department of Health](#).

Currently in Australia, people most at risk of getting the virus are people who have:

- Travellers who have recently been overseas.
- Those who have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- People in detention settings.
- People in group residential settings.

People who are more at risk of serious illness if they get the virus are:

- People with compromised immune systems (such as people who have cancer).
- Elderly people.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (as they have higher rates of chronic illness).
- People with chronic medical conditions.
- People in group residential settings.
- Very young children and babies (this risk is unclear but noted by the Department of Health).

3. Registration

Currently South Perth United (SPU) are complying with Football West's mandate that there will be a 2020 season. SPU are currently accepting registration for various divisions of football. Places are limited by amount of players in a team.

4. Use of facilities

Members should not gather around clubrooms at any point in time. Members should meet directly at their allocated training area at the start of their session. All areas of the Challenger Reserve clubrooms and facilities will not be accessible at any time. This includes:

- Clubrooms
- Changing rooms
- Drink fountains
- Playground
- BBQ equipment
- Equipment shed (See Ryan Sumner SPU Vice President for equipment, further details in 8. below)



The only exception is the public toilets which will be open between training hours - Tuesday and Thursday 5pm to 9pm and Wednesday 7pm to 9pm.

To minimise risk when using the toilets the following protocols have been instated:

- One occupant per gender at a time
- External doors will remain open to reduce physical contact
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance to be used before and after using the bathroom

5. Training rules

The below rules outline the requirements of any SPU member partaking in football related activities led by the club. Under current government restrictions failure to abide by these rules may lead to an on the spot fines of \$1000 for individuals and a fine of \$50 000 to \$250 000 for the club. Any member found to be breaking the below rules may be asked to leave the grounds immediately.

All members are encouraged to ensure all others are held to account to ensure SPU is a safe community. The committee cannot have our eyes on every situation and we require the support of the whole community to get through the pandemic.

All members

- 1.5m social distancing must remain in place
- All activities must be **non-contact**
 - No small sided games
 - No drills involving tackling
 - No drills that breach 1.5m social distancing
- No bibs can be used or shared
- Handling of equipment is limited to coaches only (exception of balls)
- No access to facilities (exception of toilets within training hours)
- Participation is not mandatory
- No social activities – this includes conversations with anyone outside your training group before, during or after training.

Players

- Players must stay within their allocated group of 19 people maximum
 - No communication with any other groups
- Arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to kick off and meet directly at your allotted training area
- Leave immediately after the conclusion of training
- Do not gather around clubrooms at any point in time
- There will be no treatment for injuries supplied by SPU
- Bring your own water – water will not be available from taps or drink fountains



Coaches

- Communications with other coaches are permitted, 1.5m social distancing must remain in place.
- Keep all equipment after training sessions
- Clean equipment to limit risk
- No equipment can be shared with other teams
- Ensure training times are strictly kept – training is not to run beyond your allocated finish time

Parents

- Only one parent is allowed to attend activities (exception: coaches/managers/assistant coaches)
- Parents are encouraged to stay in their cars

6. Junior training allocations

Training times and pitch allocations:

See Appendix A for a map of pitch and carpark allocations.

Tuesday 5pm – 6:30pm

- Pitch A
 - Under 6, 7
- Pitch B North
 - Under 12
- Pitch B South
 - Under 11
- Pitch C North
 - Under 8
- Pitch C South
 - Under 10s

Thursday 5pm – 6:30pm

- Pitch A
 - Under 6, 7
- Pitch B North
 - Under 12
- Pitch B South
 - Under 11
- Pitch C North
 - Under 9
- Pitch C South
 - Under 10s



7. Senior training allocations

Training times and pitch allocations:

See Appendix B for a map of pitch and carpark allocations.

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm

- Pitch A
 - Ladies
- Pitch B
 - Men's Div 1

Wednesday 7pm – 9pm

- Pitch A
 - Metros
- Pitch B
 - Masters

Thursday 7pm – 9pm

- Pitch A
 - Men's Div 1
- Pitch B
 - Ladies

Sunday 8am – 10am

- Pitch A
 - Metros
- Pitch B
 - Masters

8. Equipment

All equipment will be distributed by Ryan Sumner SPU Vice President. The equipment will be put into the care of the coaches until such time we can reopen the equipment shed.



Appendix A: Junior pitch and car park allocation maps





Appendix B: Senior pitch and car park allocation maps





