

10 August 2021

## STATEMENT - GPS Association SEQ Restrictions

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, the Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk announced that the Greater Brisbane lockdown would be lifted; however, some restrictions will remain for the next 14 days.

Abiding by the QLD Government directives and ensuring the continued safety of our communities, the GPS Association confirms fixtures will not go ahead during the restriction period 8 August to 22 August, 2021. Rounds five (13/14 August) and round six (20/21 August) are now abandoned due to the COVID pandemic, along with the previously announced rounds three and four.

GPS Term three Sport and Activities of Chess, Basketball and Rugby will not contest Premierships in 2021 due to the COVID-19 outbreak and restrictions impacting on the reduction of rounds able to be conducted.

The GPS Association realise the latest developments may create challenges and disappointment for our senior students, but please be assured these decisions have been taken as a necessary response to safeguarding our boys during the evolving COVID-19 situation and maintaining the integrity of GPS Premierships.

The aim of the GPS Association and that of the nine (9) Member Schools is to continue with competitive fixtures when it is safe to do so, and the current restrictions are relaxed. Modifications to rounds 7, 8 and 9 may occur due to student-athlete's safety; however, we intend to contest them at this stage. As per the usual GPS protocol, weekly safety meetings will occur before round 7, with match day schedules released the week of the competition.

Under the direction of the [QLD Government Road Map](#) GPS Member Schools can train during the period 8-22 August. Clarity on sports operation, including indoors, outdoors and contact training, is provided in the [Public Health Direction](#) with the following confirmed by Sport and Recreation at 6pm, Monday 9 August.

Activity is unable to occur unless **all** of the following conditions can be met:

- Maximum of 10 people with no physical contact between participants;
- participants can physically distance;
- venue density requirements are followed;
- participants must wear masks unless they have a valid reason not to do so;
- sharing of equipment is to be limited wherever possible and appropriate cleaning protocols are to be implemented;
- organisations are reminded to ensure they are using the contact tracing app
- no structured competitions are to occur.

Those unable to meet the above conditions are not to undertake any activity during this 2 week period.

The GPS Association will continue to keep all member schools up-to-date with any further necessary changes over the coming days and publish them on the GPS website for our community. Our thoughts are with those in our community under a stay at home quarantine order; thank you for keeping our community safe.

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## Unite against COVID-19

To our Sport and Recreation industry colleagues,

We have worked with Queensland Health on the detail associated with the current restrictions for the 11 impacted South East Queensland Local Government Areas (LGAs) that came out of lockdown yesterday afternoon that we can now share with you all.

As Queensland's Chief Health Officer, Dr Young detailed this morning, the intent of the restrictions is to limit the number of people coming together, particularly those that would not usually do so, including in organised sport and active recreation. As a result, restrictions have been placed on community sport until 4pm on 22 August 2021.

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If your organisation is unsure that the above conditions can be met, please do not undertake any activity during this 2 week period.

We have had a number of enquires from for profit operators regarding opening their premises and I can confirm that this is allowable as they fit the definition of commercial business. Having said that, the restrictions above will apply. For information and advice, please refer to [Small business | Business Queensland](#)

For those people living in the 11 impacted LGAs, you are strongly encouraged not to leave the area as this may impact on the strong inroads made to stop the spread of the very contagious Delta strain of COVID-19. Should people need to leave the impacted area for any reason, they will be required to comply with all of the restrictions relevant to their home location including wearing of masks and physical distancing.

The restrictions on sport and active recreation activities have been determined by the Chief Health Officer as the course of action that will help keep Queenslanders safe. I am confident if we can follow these requirements for the next two weeks, South East

Queensland will be in a very strong position to return to more structured delivery and participation.

Stay safe and please contact the team at [SR.Covid19@dtis.qld.gov.au](mailto:SR.Covid19@dtis.qld.gov.au) should you require further information.

Regards

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