



COVID-19 UPDATE – 5th OCTOBER 2021

ROADMAP TO RESUMPTION OF PLAY

On Monday 27th September, the NSW Government announced as part of the Roadmap to Recovery that Community Sport will be permitted to resume once 80% of the NSW population over 16 years of age are double dose vaccinated. Following this guidance, the competition managers of Lunchtime Legends have been deliberating on a path forward for corporate sport. This has included consideration for what can be done wrt competitions that were underway in late June when restrictions were imposed, as well as new competitions.

The following conclusions have been reached;

- a. Irrespective of what determination of dates the NSW Government makes wrt freedoms, it is our belief that it will be some time before many employers will order staff back to the office.
- b. Additionally, venue owners and managers will also move independently as to when they will allow use of their facilities.
- c. As we embark on the journey to recovery, experience from overseas has shown that irrespective of vaccination rates, caution needs to be exercised, as there is a real risk of an escalation in infection rates as people begin to interact more freely.
- d. As a function of these conclusions, the decision has been made to focus our energy on establishing our schedule for 2022 sporting competitions.
- e. Given the extended break, it will be impractical to resume competitions that were underway back in June. A pro-rata credit will therefore be issued to each team who were participating at that time for unplayed games. This can be applied to any new competitions commencing at any time during 2022.

As we recommence, there will be ongoing elevated health protocols in place. These include;

- a. NSW Health certified training of all Staff & Officials in COVID-19 Infection control
- b. Contactless sign in for participants
- c. Hand sanitiser for everyone
- d. Fresh equipment for each game
- e. Sterilisation of balls at half time
- f. Full sterilisation of all equipment after each session

Detailed new season information commencing in February 2022 will be published by local competition managers in the coming days as they work through the relevant issues for each area.

We appreciate the patience people have shown in the recent circumstances and share your enthusiasm for a resumption of play in the not too distant future.

We are excited at the prospect of things getting back to some form of normality 2022 and look forward to seeing everyone back on the courts & fields at that time.

Sincerely,

The Lunchtime Legends Team