

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE (March 17, 2020)

As you would be aware by now, CA has released the following statement today (with full details below):

<https://www.cricketaustralia.com.au/media/announcements/cricket-australia-further-changes-due-to-coronavirus/2020-03-17>

This is also supported by a national FAQ document

<https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/policies/covid-19-faq>

This will be supported by a CV specific release coming out asap this afternoon focused on advice to Victorian Associations and Clubs. When the CV release is circulated, I would strongly encourage you to on-forward this notice to your respective Associations.

FYI - The attached Premier Cricket Bulletin has just been sent out now - 2.30pm. The decision on the awarding of Premiers is being worked through and affected clubs will be spoken to today before the announcements are made about this.

Stay tuned for the CV release to come out soon – hopefully in the next few hours.

Message from Cricket Australia

In the best interests of cricket participants and the wider community, this communication outlines how Australian cricket will do our part to further protect players, staff, volunteers and match officials at all levels of the game plus the wider community during the global coronavirus pandemic.

Cricket Australia, in consultation with its State and Territory Associations, has cancelled the Marsh Sheffield Shield final for 2019/20 and Cricket Victoria has taken the further step of cancelling all Premier Cricket finals from this week onwards.

We expect local community cricket and school competitions to take the same leadership position and cancel all cricket playing and training activity for the remainder of the 2019/20 season in response to this unprecedented global health issue.

This expectation also applies to competitions that are just starting or about to commence in some parts of the country. Where relevant, we will work with these associations to minimise this disruption over the coming weeks and months. This is an evolving issue and decisions on starting or recommending should be made carefully in line with government advice and direction from Cricket Australia and Cricket Victoria.

We know many people in cricket communities around Australia will be disappointed with this decision, but it has been made in our communities' best interests in consultation with government and expert medical advice from Cricket Australia's Chief Medical Officer, John Orchard.

We acknowledge that this is a more extreme step than communicated in previous weeks, but our advice now is that the risks of playing organised sport at any level are too high to safely continue.

We also recommend that all clubs and associations consider the cancellation or postponement of end of season functions.

As all communities, organisations and institutions around the world rally to slow the spread of the coronavirus, so must Australian cricket. We hope that by taking these actions now we can play a small part in 'flattening the curve' and stemming the spread of the virus.

For any further information, please read our FAQs [here](#).

Our number one priority is to the cricket communities that we lead and serve, as well as their families. Thank you for your commitment to cricket in your community. All of our thoughts are with you and your families as you navigate these uncertain times.

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