

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE (March 18, 2020)

Message from Cricket Victoria to LGA's

Victorian Cricket Coronavirus Update

With our Local Government Authorities being a key partner of community cricket we wanted to keep you informed on Cricket Victoria's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the best interests of cricket participants and the wider community, this communication outlines current Cricket Victoria actions and advice to protect players, staff, volunteers and match officials at all levels of the game plus the wider community during the global coronavirus pandemic.

As communicated to Clubs and Associations on Tuesday 17 March, Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia strongly recommend all community cricket competitions be cancelled in an effort to reduce the community transmission risk of COVID-19.

This expectation also applies to competitions that are just starting or about to commence in some parts of Victoria.

Cricket Victoria has also recommended that all clubs and associations consider the cancellation or postponement of end of season functions. As of Wednesday 18 March, the Federal Government has now banned non-essential gatherings of more than 100 people at a range of indoor venues until further notice.

The remainder of Cricket Victoria's Victorian Premier Cricket season has also been cancelled.

These decisions were not taken lightly but they are imperative as state and federal health agencies ask non-essential sporting competitions to cease activity.

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

These are exceptional and difficult circumstances for everyone to work through and public health is our number one priority. Our network of Community Cricket staff will continue to liaise and support local school, clubs and associations.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Luke Humphries - Government Relations and Infrastructure Manager on 0409 180 062 or at luke.humphries@cricket.com.au

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