

COVID-19 Player Update #3

1 message

Nepean Football Association <admin@nepeanfootball.com.au>
Reply-To: Nepean Football Association <admin@nepeanfootball.com.au>

19 May 2020 at 18:50

[View this email in your browser](#)

Update #3 to Nepean FA Participants

ISSUED: 19th MAY 2020

INTRODUCTION

Back for another update with you, now that we have a little movement in the lessening of restrictions.

Nepean FA continue to attend twice weekly updates with Football NSW (FNSW), and at least a once weekly meeting with Nepean FA (NFA) Directors, who then assess the information passed onto us from FNSW. We continue to take our advice from our governing bodies and State & Federal government authorities. This will explain why we have resisted the bandwagon that many associations have jumped on, of giving you a firm date of return to training and/or competitions.

Contents

[INTRODUCTION.. 1](#)

[SO, WHEN ARE WE STARTING UP AGAIN?. 2](#)

[HOW MUCH AND WHEN & WHAT CAN I EXPECT A REFUND FOR?. 4](#)

[Shortened Season. 4](#)

[De-Registration Refunds. 5](#)

[IN NON COVID NEWS..... 5](#)

[Plans for Prems in 2021. 5](#)

[ELECTRONIC MATCH SHEETS. 5](#)

[How Can We Stay Involved During The Forced Shut-Down?. 6](#)

[DE-REGISTRATION OPTIONS FOR 2020 REGISTERED PLAYERS. 6](#)

[Terms and Conditions of De-registration. 7](#)

SO, WHEN ARE WE STARTING UP AGAIN?

We know that's what you want to know and that's just what we'd like to tell you. But as late as this afternoon, we had confirmation again for FNSW that the state government is still yet to issue their RETURN TO TRAINING guidelines and they have not, as yet, lifted the official health orders. Those are the two minimum requirements that have to happen before we can even consider giving you the green light to start restricted training.

Added to that, we need the confirmation of the local council in the areas that each club is located in to lift their ground closures. It is our understanding that most councils will wait for a minimum return to training guideline for the NSW state government before they'll consider lifting their own restrictions.

So, we'll reiterate the previous dates we gave you in our last newsletter & promise you that as soon as things change, we'll be letting everyone know whatever the new status is, but for now:

While we can't provide a 100% guarantee of what a delayed or shortened season will look like as there may be circumstances beyond our control that may alter our plans for the most part, we'll be doing our best to delivery as close as possible to the outlines below;

Shortened Season – Proposed start date will be from 3-5th July to 6th September. 10-week season. These are the dates available to us if local councils won't give us any extra access to fields after our season end date.

Extended Season – Proposed start date will be from 3-5th July to Monday 5th October. 14 round season for non-competition teams and 15 rounds season for competition teams (will include the Monday public holiday games). This model season is only possible with council and Cricket NSW co-operation – both yet to be confirmed.

In all models we will **play throughout the school holiday periods** and will also utilize any public holidays available to us. Games will be scheduled on a **play or forfeit** basis, and no requests for changes will be considered. This is vital in order to get games played and players and teams should carefully consider this position before agreeing to continue with their registration and season commitment. Any washouts will have one attempt at a replay if it's possible or will be given a 0-0 draw. If a full round is washed out (all of Saturday or all of Sunday), we will not attempt a replay, and these games will automatically be given a 0-0 draw result)

It is also quite possible that if and when sport is re-introduced, there may be restrictions in place, or staggered starts for Juniors and Seniors. These possibilities will also impact what we can deliver.

There may also be a need to play several rounds as **mid-week or double header weekend fixtures** for competitions teams, and these will be given priority above the need for teams to train. Teams that are required to play mid-week should consider that activity as a replacement for their regular training session.

Clubs who have night lighting will be expected to accommodate **night fixtures**, and in some instances, will be required to **host teams** whose councils do not make fields available to them outside of the regular season.

Our latest review of what competitions may look like looks a something like this:

Depending on start and finish dates, below are the two most likely scenarios of what our season will look like:

Season Type	Start Date	Finish Date	Weeks in Comp	U5 to U11	6 Team Comps	8 Team Comps	10 Team Comps	12 Team Comp (Fri O35)
Shortened	3-5 July	6-Sep	10 weeks	Play Every Saturday	Play 2 Cycles	Play one full cycle	Play one full cycle	Play one full cycle, will require 2 weeks where 2 games are played
Extended	3-5 July	5-Oct	14 weeks + 1 Day	Play Every Saturday	Play 3 Cycles	Play 2 full cycles	Play two full cycles with 3 weeks where 2 matches are played	Play one full cycle only

With this information, players have got until Sunday night to decide if either of these possibilities fits with their preferred options to finish the 2020 season. We understand that it's not perfect, but this is what we've got to play with, and we want to be completely transparent with you, so you understand what you're committing to. We have repeated the information from our previous newsletter further on in this issue for those who want to review the conditions of de-registration.

A word of comfort for the Cricketers among you. The extended season will only be a possibility if Cricket NSW and Football NSW sign on of their preliminary agreements that they come to in recent talks, whereby Cricket will start after the October long weekend. At this point in time we understand that cricket will not be signing off until they see the State government's RETURN TO TRAINING GUIDELINES.

HOW MUCH AND WHEN & WHAT CAN I EXPECT A REFUND FOR?

This is another question that we can't answer completely for you, but we can tell you what we definitely do know. Before we do that, we need to remind you of how your fees are structured in 2020, what's in our power to refund and what isn't.

Shortened Season

Current Fees are below in the first table (in green). The portion you pay to your club, and the portions that go up to FNSW & FFA are out of our control. We don't know what your club has in mind for a shortened season fee, and we haven't had confirmed yet what FNSW & FFA (in blue) will do to their fees if the season is shortened. But what we can confirm is what our intentions are as far as refunds go for a shortened season in relation the funds we collect. You can see that in the lower table. We are also committed to pass on any refund that FNSW or FFA commits to.

2020 NEPEAN FA WINTER SEASON PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES (incl 10% GST)								
Fees paid to NFA					Fees Paid Upward to FFA & FNSW			
AGE GROUP	NFA Fee Component	Facilities & Maint. Levy	Nepean FC Rep Support Levy	Total NFA Component	FFA National Registration Fee	Football NSW Capitation Fee Inc. Insurance	Total Payable to Other	Total Fee Charged to club by NFA
Under 5 to U/8	\$ 30.15	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 35.15	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 99.30
U9	\$ 30.15	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 40.65	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$110.30
Under 10 to U/11	\$ 39.47	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 49.97	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$128.94
u12	\$ 39.47	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 49.97	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$128.94
Under 13 to U/17	\$ 39.47	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 49.97	\$ 14.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 37.00	\$136.94
Under 18	\$ 42.33	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 52.83	\$ 14.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 37.00	\$142.66
Over 18 Senior	\$ 45.57	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 56.07	\$ 33.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 116.00	\$228.14
Special Needs Football Any Age	\$ 30.15	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 35.15	\$ -	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.76	\$ 73.06

Fees if season 2020 is shortened to a 3rd July Start & 6 Sept Finish								
Fees paid to NFA					Fees Paid Upward to FFA & FNSW			
AGE GROUP	NFA Fee Component	Facilities & Maint. Levy	Nepean FC Rep Support Levy	Total NFA Component	FFA National Registration Fee	Football NSW Capitation Fee Inc. Insurance	Total Payable to Other	Total Fee Charged to club by NFA
Under 5 to U/8	\$ 17.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.74	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 64.47
U9	\$ 17.74	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 23.24	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 75.47
Under 10 to U/11	\$ 23.22	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 28.72	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 86.44
u12	\$ 23.22	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 28.72	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 86.44
Under 13 to U/17	\$ 23.22	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 28.72	\$ 14.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 94.44
Under 18	\$ 24.90	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 30.40	\$ 14.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 97.80
Over 18 Senior	\$ 26.81	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 32.31	\$ 33.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 116.00	\$180.61
Special Needs Football Any Age	\$ 17.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.74	\$ -	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.76	\$ 38.23

De-Registration Refunds

If you de-register by 24/5 we'll refund to you club 100% of what they've paid us on your behalf (Top Table – end column – Total Fee Charged to Club by NFA).

If you de-register after 24th May but before you play a game (comp teams) or before the season starts (non-comp teams), you'll get 100% of end column less \$16.50 de-registration levy.

If you de-register after the season starts, you won't receive a refund.

IN NON COVID NEWS.....

Plans for Prems in 2021

In February this year, we were devastated to learn that we wouldn't get a Men's Premier League Competition up for 2020. The first time in 59 years that our Association wouldn't have a Men's Premier League..... and then, along came the Corona Virus & Covid-19 and self-isolation, job losses, school closures and closed boarders. We've seen worldwide devastation, death, sickness, poverty, and it hasn't finished yet.

Pleasingly, we've also been witness to a resurgence in community, in altruism, and with the exception of a shameless episode of toilet paper hoarding, we've seen community members extend a hand to each other and practice kindness and tolerance such as this writer hasn't seen in a long, long while.

And so, we can sit here in May of the same year, and honestly say, there are worse things that can happen than having your Prem League pilfered, sabotaged, and abandoned.

The Nepean FA Board of Directors, has spent some time reviewing the original 2020 plan for Premier League (men's and women's), identifying some things that we think we may have got wrong based on feedback from our February meeting specifically addressing Pregs, and some things that we think were left out of the original model that upon review, we think should have been included. The NFA Board are reviewing the final draft of the proposal that will go out to clubs in the next week or so.

Clubs will be asked to comment on the new draft and will once again be asked to support our plans that have your input in them. We'll be asking our Nepean Prem Players and potential Prem Players to remain Nepean and stick with us in 2021.

We look forward to being able to share this review with you very soon.

[ELECTRONIC MATCH SHEETS](#)

Pre-Covid we started to roll out Electronic Match sheet instructions to team officials. We've been asked if we'll continue with this roll out once we're back on the park. The answer to that question is Yes. We'll have an instructional video as well as downloadable written instructions on our website and YouTube Channel in the next few days.

[How Can We Stay Involved During The Forced Shut-Down?](#)

[Players - Keep Up your Football Skills with Practice Drills at Home](#)

Our Football Manager, James Rankine has been busy providing you with challenges and skill tips which you can view either on our [Facebook page](#) or on our [YouTube Channel](#)

[Become a Referee](#)

How about doing the online Referees Course? It's free and if you pass it, then the only part of the course to do is the face to face element (costs apply) and you can become a qualified referee. From there you could join the NRG and be paid to referee matches throughout the district, or you could just help out at your club as an unpaid volunteer, but one who knows the rules! You can also find out more by visiting the [Nepean Referees Group Webpage](#)

There are five outdoor Referee qualifications and programs. All referees commence by undertaking the online Laws of the Game program - Click [here](#) to start.

The Laws of the Game program provides a basic introduction to the Laws of Football. Once you complete this course you can join an FFA-recognised referee organisation and undertake the Level 4 training program.

[Do the Online Member Protection Information Officer Course](#)

This is a must do course for club MPIO's or anyone who's interested in making their club a safer for child friendly club.

You can get more details at <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses/mpio-online-course>

The [Play By The Rules Website](#) also offers some great information and ideas for team and club officials or interested people who are inspired to volunteer their time sometime soon.

[Learn Something New](#)

Football NSW sponsor, TAFE have some great Fee Free Courses to keep us sharp too. [Click here for more information.](#)

Keep up to date

Check in on our [webpage](#) & [Facebook](#). Drop in to find out the latest news

DE-REGISTRATION OPTIONS FOR 2020 REGISTERED PLAYERS

Please Read the following carefully and speak to your club admin if you have any questions.

Based on your own personal circumstances, and considering the competition formats as explained above, players are being given two options.

The Options available are as follows:

Option 1 – Remain registered with your club and take part in competitions offered for 2020 Winter season. If no season is played, we will refund your club 100% of fees we have charged them for your participation. We cannot regulate what your club will refund you of the portion of fees they have collected for your membership with them, but you are guaranteed back AT LEAST the portion paid up to us by your club. We expect that most clubs will also clearly communicate with you their own refund policy.

If the season is shortened, we will proportionately refund your club (which we expect to be passed onto you) a pro-rata refund of fees based on the percentage of lost games to a regular season excluding championship tournament and finals matches (it has already been determined that we will not be playing finals this season).

Option 2 – De-register Before Sunday May 24th and receive a full refund. This option will be available from today until the 24th May ONLY and you will have the opportunity to de-register and receive a refund of the amount paid to your club (less any equipment you retain, less Active Kids Voucher and less any unpaid fees owing to your club). We are asking all clubs NOT to retain any portion of your fees (except for the above) if you choose this option. **If you choose this option**, you will **NOT** be able to re-register for the 2020 Winter competition should it start.

Please note that if you used an Active Kids Rebate Voucher, you are not entitled to have that amount refunded to you. The State Government gives your club the option, should they choose to do so, to transfer it to another sport of your choice once your registration with that new sport is confirmed by the governing body. Please not, a club is not obliged to transfer the value of the AKV to a new sport.

De-registration closes before 5pm on Friday 24th May (NO Exceptions).

From this point onwards, your clubs will have 14 days to revise the composition of their teams, withdraw without penalty any teams which are no longer viable due to player withdrawals, and will resubmit their team numbers based on new revised numbers. Any further de-registrations or team withdrawals after the stipulated dates (24/5/20 for De-registrations & 7th June for team withdrawals, will attract the usual de-registration and team withdrawal fees.

Terms and Conditions of De-registration

1. If a player (or parent of a player in the case of a minor) decides to de-register as a player in the 2020 Nepean FA winter competition between April 24, 2020 and May 24, 2020 they will receive a full refund of any registrations fees paid by the player (or parent of the player) to association by their club for the 2020 winter season.
2. NFA will credit the club member via their club any valid and verified claims for refund on or before 21st June.
3. The player (or parent) acknowledges that once the refund is received, they have no further claim on either Nepean FA or its Member's clubs and that they are not eligible to claim against any insurance policy provided by Nepean FA or Football NSW.
4. The refund amount to clubs will be for registrations fees paid up to Nepean FA by the club on the player's behalf only and will not be for any other items including, but not limited to, club membership fees, match fees, equipment, academies or additional coaching.
5. Players and parents acknowledge that by de-registering they will only be refunded any amount they have personally paid. They acknowledge that by de-registering, they forfeit any voucher redeemed as part of the registration Active Kids Voucher (if claimed as part of this registration) subject to the terms and conditions of the Active Kids Voucher program.
6. To de-register and claim the refund, the player (or parent) must complete the de-registration process by logging into their player profile at www.playfootball.com.au by 5pm on Sunday May 24, 2020. No de-registrations or refund claims will be accepted after this date and time.
7. Players who are De-registered under this provision will NOT be eligible to re-register for the 2020 Winter competition at any Nepean FA club.

8. Should the number of scheduled games for the 2020 winter season be reduced to less than 14 games, then the player will be credited with an amount equivalent to the amount of games that are not able to be scheduled. e. if only 11 games are scheduled then the player would lose 3 games worth of value so would be provided with a credit of 3/14 of the amount, they paid towards their registration fee.
9. Should NFA not be able to schedule any games for the 2020 winter season, then 100% of the registration fee paid to NFA by the player would be credited to the player via their club.

We know it's a lot to take in, but we wanted to be as fair as possible in our dealings with you and with your clubs. Aobe all else, we wanted to demonstrate our intention of goodwill to all our clubs and our players, in the fervent hope that you will either stick with us this year, or return to us in 2021 for another shot at playing the beautiful game.

That's it for now. #StaySafeEveryone. Won't be too much longer before we have some good news for you, we hope.

Linda Cerone
General Manager
Nepean Football Association Inc.
19th May 2020



Copyright © 2020 Nepean Football Association Inc., All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email as a registered Player, Coach or Manager for the 2020 Winter Season.

Our mailing address is:

Nepean Football Association Inc.
Unit 9
[51 York Road](#)
PENRITH, NSW 2750
[Australia](#)

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

Fee error in Newsletter

1 message

19 May 2020 at 21:43

Hi everyone,

There was a calculation error contained in the newsletter that went out to participants this evening. Please note that the fee table should have read as follows below. An amended table will be sent out to all participants tomorrow. Apologies for any confusion this has caused at your club.

2020 NEPEAN FA WINTER SEASON PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES (incl 10% GST)								
Fees paid to NFA					Fees Paid Upward to FFA & FNSW			
AGE GROUP	NFA Fee Component	Facilities & Maint. Levy	Nepean FC Rep Support Levy	Total NFA Component	FFA National Registration Fee	Football NSW Capitation Fee Inc. Insurance	Total Payable to Other	Total Fee Charged to club by NFA
Under 5 to U/8	\$ 30.15	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 35.15	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 64.15
U9	\$ 30.15	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 40.65	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 69.65
Under 10 to U/11	\$ 39.47	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 49.97	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 78.97
u12	\$ 39.47	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 49.97	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 78.97
Under 13 to U/17	\$ 39.47	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 49.97	\$ 14.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 86.97
Under 18	\$ 42.33	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 52.83	\$ 14.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 89.83
Over 18 Senior	\$ 45.57	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 56.07	\$ 33.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 116.00	\$172.07
Special Needs Football Any Age	\$ 30.15	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 35.15	\$ -	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.76	\$ 37.91

Fees if season 2020 is shortened to a 3rd July Start & 6 Sept Finish								
Fees paid to NFA					Fees Paid Upward to FFA & FNSW			
AGE GROUP	NFA Fee Component	Facilities & Maint. Levy	Nepean FC Rep Support Levy	Total NFA Component	FFA National Registration Fee	Football NSW Capitation Fee Inc. Insurance	Total Payable to Other	Total Fee Charged to club by NFA
Under 5 to U/8	\$ 17.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.74	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 46.74
U9	\$ 17.74	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 23.24	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 52.24
Under 10 to U/11	\$ 23.22	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 28.72	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 57.72
u12	\$ 23.22	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 28.72	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 57.72
Under 13 to U/17	\$ 23.22	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 28.72	\$ 14.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 65.72
Under 18	\$ 24.90	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 30.40	\$ 14.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 67.40
Over 18 Senior	\$ 26.81	\$ -	\$ 5.50	\$ 32.31	\$ 33.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 116.00	\$148.31
Special Needs Football Any Age	\$ 17.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.74	\$ -	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.76	\$ 20.50

Kind Regards,

Linda Cerone

General Manager

Nepean Football Assoc. Inc.

