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Frequently asked questions – MUFC / COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

PLEASE NOTE THIS DOCUMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME DUE TO THE RAPIDLY-CHANGING ENVIRONMENT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN

What should any member of the public do if they believe they have contracted the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or if they have cold and flu symptoms that is concerning them?

It would be socially irresponsible for the MUFC to answer this question in this forum. The best information on the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and what people should do if they have symptoms, are worried or come in contact with a person who has the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is found here: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

What is COVID-19 (Coronavirus)? How do I get information on the virus and the associated issues/changes it is causing?

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Can I continue to play?

No you can not. All FNSW/MUFC football matches have been suspended until at least 31 May. (Subject to change)

Can I continue to train?

No you can not. All FNSW/MUFC football activities have been suspended until at least 31 May. (Subject to change)

Am I insured if a group of us play/train/have a kick around?

During the suspension of football period you are not covered.

What information has been used to form the decision?

Manly United is taking its advice from the Federal Government, which is communicating directly to FFA and Football NSW. This is an unprecedented public health situation and we will follow the instructions of the Federal Government.

What is meant by All football activities?

- Training sessions
- Pre season friendlies
- FNSW/MUFC Competition matches
- Organised training sessions with external providers/academies/private providers

What exercise/training am I allowed to do?

Under the current Federal Government restrictions, which are now enforceable in NSW by law, you are able to exercise once a day in a group of no more two people. You must exercise in compliance with the public gathering requirements. MUFC technical directors and Steve Felsher MUFC head physiotherapist have put programs and activities in place to try to keep the players mentally and physically engaged and connected to football. These activities are encouraged but it must be stressed that they can only be undertaken in compliance with the Federal Government's restrictions on public gathering.

Who do I contact if I have further questions in relation to the football programs?

In the first instance it is best to contact the below:

BYL/SAP/AYL/Senior Men to Andrew Christiansen andrew.christiansen@manlyunitedfc.com.au

GYL/GSAP/Senior Women to Sharon Egger sharon@manlyunitedfc.com.au

What about the MUFC Elite School Holiday camps?

The April School holiday camps have been cancelled and players who have registered have been contacted. All activities must be undertaken in line with the Government's restrictions on exercise.

What does this mean for our competitions structure?

The season is suspended, not cancelled. FNSW/MUFC are still working towards the resumption of an abbreviated 2020 football season. FNSW have started modelling football draws and competitions around a season that could resume from 1 June 2020 to as late as possible that will allow us play a decent number of games. It is fair to assume that football will be different in 2020 to any other year as our country is in the middle of an unprecedented public health situation.

Is there a cut off date where the season would be called off?

No. The season is suspended, not cancelled. The situation is highly unpredictable and as we have seen to this time, it can change at any time. We will continue to take advice from the Federal Government and then make decisions on that direction.

What about SAP / GSAP Gala days

Gala days are not permitted under the current Federal Government guidelines as they constitute a mass gathering and are suspended under the current ban on all football activities.

What happens to my registration fees?

Together with the Board and the Technical Directors, we are looking at various possibilities, including extending the season from a training and/or playing perspective, extra sessions and of course in the worst case scenario reviewing the registration fees.

Until we know the final impact of the disruption, we will not have a definitive answer but we'd like you to know that it is a key part of our planning and thinking. We are not a club without you, our members, and that is front and centre of any decision being made.

What is happening to the fees that go to Football NSW and FFA?

Like all NPL clubs, Manly United has to pay Football NSW and FFA for a variety of services they perform on our behalf and for fixed costs associated with running competitions (registration platforms, competition structures, insurance etc), as well as a small National Registration Fee. We are currently talking to both bodies about the impact a disrupted football season has on their costs and businesses. FFA and Football NSW have both made significant cuts to their costs and staff in recent weeks. Importantly they are also leading the discussions with Federal and State Government to ensure football is included in the various stimulus and rescue packages. This has also prompted the understanding that there is a significant decrease to the traditional way we pass on the portion of registration fees attributable to Football NSW and the FFA.

Important links

[Commonwealth Department of Health - COVID-19 Health Alert](#)

[NSW Health - COVID-19 Information](#)

[NSW Health-COVID-19 frequently asked questions](#)