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STATEMENT - GPS Association SEQ Easing of Restrictions

On 18 August, the Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk announced that restrictions for the Greater Brisbane area would ease following the recent Indooroopilly COVID-19 outbreak.

Following the announcement that community sport can commence after 4pm Friday 20 August, the GPS Association and the nine (9) Member Schools have decided competitions will resume when it is safe to do so, on a case by case basis.

The below GPS Sport and Activities will commence in line with the easing of restrictions announced. GPS Sport and Activities will align with spectator limitations as per the [QLD Government Road Map](#) of 1 person per 4 square metres at indoor venues and 1 person per 2 square metres at outdoor venues.

- GPS Chess round 6 will resume on Friday 20 August
- GPS Track and Field Pre-meet 1 will take place on Friday 20 August
- GPS Basketball round 6 will resume on Saturday 21 August

Previous announcements of round six abandonment for Chess and Basketball have now been revoked.

Following conversations with the Rugby Australia Chief Medical Officer, the GPS Rugby Competition will commence contact training from 4pm Friday 20 August, with competitive games resuming Saturday 28 August. The advice provided was that there should be a week of contact and scrummaging training to occur before competitive games can safely resume.

Additional safety measures have also been extended to Brisbane Grammar School's safe return, resulting in their non-participation in all GPS Sport and Activities the weekend of 20-22 August. Scheduled matches will be deemed a draw with points shared between the affected school.

The priority of the GPS Association is the safety of our Member Schools and the community. We will continue to work with all schools regarding the [QLD Government road map](#) and compliance with the [QLD Government COVIDSafe Checklists](#).

GPS Member Schools will continue adopting the principles below regarding movement around venues and social distancing:

- Restriction of spectators at each venue to mitigate risk.
- Recording of spectator attendance via QLD Government Checkin App.
- Designated ingress and egress points where possible.
- The one-way movement of people around fields and venues.
- Clearly visible social distance markers.
- Continuation of strict hygiene measures at all entry, exit and communal areas.

The GPS Association will continue to keep all member schools up-to-date with any further necessary changes over the coming days and publish them on the GPS website for our community.

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To our sport and recreation colleagues

As you would be aware, today the Premier announced that the strict conditions implemented for the recently impacted Local Government Areas (LGAs) will be lifted at **4pm Friday 20 August 2021**, which is earlier than previously advised. The restrictions in the Cairns and Yarrabah Council areas will now align to the [rest of Queensland](#).

Due to Queensland's strong response, we are pleased to advise community sport and recreation will be able to recommence. While this [easing of restrictions](#) is great news for clubs, organisations and activity providers within these regions, some additional requirements will remain in place in the 11 South East Queensland LGAs to ensure the ongoing safety of Queenslanders.

Masks

- While masks are not required when you are outdoors, you must carry your mask with you at all times
- masks must be continued to be worn in indoor spaces, when at stadiums, at an airport, and on a domestic or international flight departing or arriving in Queensland.

In summary, from **4pm Friday 20 August 2021**, community sport, including training and competition, can resume with spectators, in line with indoor and outdoor venue event requirements.

Indoor sport and recreation

- Indoor sport and recreation can have one person per four square metres or 75% allocated seated and ticketed capacity
- compliance with the [COVID Safe Checklist](#). This includes the collection of contact information through the [Check In Qld App](#)
- occupant density and physical distancing measures do not apply to the field of play
- it is not possible to observe physical distancing while undertaking activity however attendees must observe physical distancing off the field of play, to the extent possible.

Outdoor sport and recreation

- Outdoor sport and recreation can have one person per two square metres or 75% allocated seated and ticketed capacity

- compliance with the [COVID Safe Checklist](#). This includes the collection of contact information through the [Check In Qld App](#)
- it is not possible to observe physical distancing while undertaking activity however attendees must observe physical distancing off the field of play, to the extent possible
- indoor spaces associated with outdoor based organisations such as clubhouses, will need to comply with the occupant density of one person per four square metres or 75% allocated seated and ticketed venues.

Stadiums and indoor and outdoor events

- Stadiums for over 20,000 will now be capped at 75% ticketed capacity with allocated seating (with COVID Safe Site-Specific Plan)
 - patrons must wear a mask at all times, including when seated. Masks can be removed when eating or drinking
 - patrons must be seated to eat and drink.
- Events are also capped at 75% capacity (with COVID Safe Checklist)
 - 75% allocated seated and ticketed capacity for indoor events and outdoor events or one per four square metres indoors and one per two square metres outdoors.

The above restrictions will remain in place at least until **4pm Friday 27 August 2021**.

The [updated roadmap for easing of restrictions](#) has additional information about this upcoming easing of restrictions.

I trust that the above information will be of assistance and thank you for your cooperation throughout this recent lockdown and resulting restrictions.

Regards

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