

Standing Committee Recommendation

To: Chief Executive Officer
From: State League Standing Committee
Date: 16/03/20

Recommendation (provide a detailed description of the recommendation)

Immediately Postpone the start of the State League 1 & 2 due to COVID-19 Crisis

Describe the Issue or Idea (give a concise description of the issue focussing particularly on the problems that are being experienced)

Along with the serious health and community implications of the COVID-19 crisis.

There are serious concerns from State League Clubs that social distancing policies implemented by the FFA on 16th March 2020 will place serious financial strain on clubs that rely on bar and canteen revenue on matchdays.

Several clubs have already experienced concerns and cancellations from members in relation to the COVID-19 crisis and have experienced delayed registration responses from players.

We recommend immediate postponement of State League 1 & 2, but also insist that FW consider applying similar postponements across all FW sanctioned competitions.

FW then to implement a review committee made up of chairs of each standing committee to consider the recommencement of competition as soon as possible.

Options to play season 2020 are as follows.

- Review regularly and commence the season with 2 week's notice at the earliest opportunity.
- Commence Round 1 of SL season on 20th June and play one round
- Continue season into warmer months and play 2 rounds
- Consider cancelling the 2020 season if the crisis is not resolved.

Describe the benefits of Football West implementing the Recommendation

Decreased risk of State League clubs and participants contributing to the spread of COVID-19


Delaying the start of the season provides more flexible options to FW with dealing with further suspension, recommencement of the season or if the crisis is not resolved in a timely manner. Flexibility to provide alternative solutions to play a reduced season at a later stage. Including over summer. But also consider the complete cancellation of the 2020 season.

Prevent the financial collapse of numerous clubs.

List the Clubs or Club Associates that have been consulted in reaching the recommendation

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State League Clubs (not all due to time and contact constraints)



Signature

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