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Queensland Health

Dear Sporting Codes

As you may be aware, from 12.00 pm on 14 July 2020 I have declared two additional COVID-19 hotspots in New South Wales, namely Campbelltown City and Liverpool City. It was essential to declare these locations as COVID-19 hotspots due to the outbreak originating at the Crossroads Hotel, which has now resulted in community transmission.

The COVID-19 pandemic is continuing to unfold in Australia. Queensland must take steps to address and minimise the potential impact of community transmission in other jurisdictions on our State. With the increased easing of restrictions, including allowing large numbers of spectators in stadiums, persons arriving in Queensland from COVID-19 hotspots represent a serious risk.

Being cognisant of the impact that any quarantine requirement may have on sporting fixtures, and balancing the risk to the community against additional measures that may be put in place to limit the risk of the spread of infection, I would be satisfied if all sporting codes ensured that:

- Any Queensland or Queensland-based team is required to quarantine on their return to Queensland if in the last 14 days they:
  - played in Queensland against a team travelling from a COVID-19 hotspot; or
  - played in a COVID-19 hotspot; or
  - played in another State against a team from a COVID-19 hotspot;

This quarantine requirement would apply to **all** persons who travelled with the team or otherwise had contact with the team from the COVID-19 hotspot.

- The quarantine requirements are:
  - Quarantine must be undertaken separately from staff and players' families, for example if a player is already located in a hotel in Queensland with their family, they would need to quarantine in a separate room and could not have contact with their family for 14 days.
  - Queensland teams (staff and players) are not allowed to quarantine at their homes, unless they live alone or with other individuals under the same quarantine conditions.

The reason for the separate quarantine for both Queensland and Queensland-based teams is that family members are able to move freely within the community and should they be infected by a player or staff member then the pool of contacts could be significant, potentially resulting in community transmission, which has not occurred in Queensland since May 2020.

- Clubs must monitor strict adherence to the quarantine requirements. Any breaches of quarantine could have serious impacts on the ongoing accommodations made for elite sport.

- Permitted purposes to leave quarantine are to:
  - receive necessary medical care
  - escape emergency
  - train with other similarly quarantined individuals, provided the persons have no symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Where they are using shared facilities, they must not interact with non-quarantined individuals and any facilities that are used should have additional cleaning.
  - play matches against other similarly quarantined teams.

For clarity, the above quarantine requirements override any approvals granted in connection with sport plans or protocols. Quarantine under the above arrangements is strict. Persons quarantining are expected to remain in their room except for those permitted purposes outlined above.

Any breaches, regardless how minor or few, can be devastating as has been the experience elsewhere in the world where one person infected with COVID-19 has been the catalyst for uncontrollable and sustained community transmission. We must work together to ensure that does not occur in Queensland.

The 14 days of quarantine commences from the date that the quarantine requirement is triggered. For example, if a Queensland team plays a team from a COVID-19 hotspot in another State on 14 July 2020 then the 14 days would end on 27 July 2020. Teams may choose to spend the 14 days quarantine within Queensland or in another location provided it is outside of a COVID-19 hotspot and they do not have contact with a team from a COVID-19 hotspot during the quarantine period. Breaching either of these requirements would restart the quarantine period.

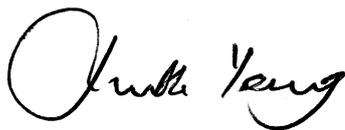
Additionally, where a team has spent 10 days outside of a COVID-19 hotspot and away from a team from a COVID-19 hotspot then on entering Queensland they would need to complete a further 4 days of quarantine, provided there has been strict compliance with any sport protocols.

Due to the rapidly evolving nature of the situation in other jurisdictions, it is your responsibility to stay up to date with the current declared COVID-19 hotspots. If, and when, any new hotspots are added the above quarantine requirements will apply.

You can view COVID-19 hotspots at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/hotspots-covid-19>.

The above requirements will continue to be reviewed as the COVID-19 situation across Australia progresses and Queensland manages its response. I look forward to continuing to work together to keep elite sport going while protecting our community.

Yours sincerely



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