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SEASON UPDATE 12 JUNE 2020 FOOTY IS BACK

Hello to you all and **Yes Footy is back.**

At long last we can plan a way forward to give you as much footy as we can squeeze in and it will not be like our normal modules but we will be back playing rugby league.

I will be very direct right from the very start and say, we must observe all rules and conditions placed on us to comply with what ever the covid restrictions and conditions are.

This is not negotiable and relies on all of you to do the right and responsible thing by us all.

Earlier advice was that we were hoping to kick off by the 25th of July but with the easing off restriction we have decided to **start on the 4th of July.**

We will be restricted and governed by what ever the bio security conditions are.

I ask and expect everyone to not only comply above and beyond those conditions but to assist the home club in implementing and applying all conditions and requirements.

These conditions will be on the NSW GOV web site soon but at the time of writing they were not available.

Our first three modules will be split into three areas to assist with not only covid management but give us the best opportunity to be up and running with the players and managements welfare in mind.

This season we will be giving clubs more responsibility in running and managing modules. We will as always be at the forefront of management and all major decisions we be made by Mal Col and myself.

We have also been in discussions with the NRL and may finally be linking with them after very positive and encouraging talks with Mr Tim Rutherford, which are on going.

I will keep you all posted on any developments. Obviously the NRL have their own very complicated issues to deal with but I am informing them of our every movement. A meeting is on the agenda to take place in the next month or so.

Let's get on with our footy.

First module 4th July

Three grounds will be used

1 BARGO

2 CENTRAL COAST

3 LOWER MOUNTAINS

Each ground will have eight teams, four games to manage.

Those eight teams will stay in that group for the first three modules and the following modules will be played at the home ground of one of those eight teams.

The home team will be responsible for the total management of their module

All covid rules and restrictions must be applied and adhered to rigidly.

AS WELL AS MY PET HATE “FIRST AID” ALL DAY!!!!!!

A separate email will be out soon to deal with all requirements.

Our intention here is to get us all moving and back in the swing of things as I'm quite sure we will all be suffering covid slumber and will need to get back into footy mode and for you as managers we need you to follow through with all those management duties.

This will be a season like no other and changes must be made.

WHAT WE NEED DONE BY YOU

Team registration sheets

A list of all players and contact details, addresses and phone numbers.

(don't tell us we have them or leave it to Mal to chase up)

This will be a requirement for any team prior to being accepted for this season.

It will also be a requirement for the health authorities !!!!! For tracing purposes.

Payment of admin fees and any new player fees must be paid on or before the **26th** of June.

Teams will not be accepted and placed in the draw for game one if this is not done.

Insurance is still being worked out and will depend on what our program is and how many games we can squeeze in. At this stage it will be as it was last year as we intend to play at least eight 8 games. We have been in discussions with the insurance company and also the NRL to reduce this premium and those discussions are on going.

Payment off insurance will be scheduled at a date to be announced and again we will be asking for prompt payment of that premium.

It would be prudent of all clubs to assume the premium will be the same as last year and commence collection of that now. In the event of us obtaining a reduction in that premium that money can either go back to the players or go toward any planed club or masters events in the future.

TEAM ALLOCATIONS

BARGO MODULE

Bargo, Appin, Narellan, Mittagong, Dreamasters, Guildford, Colyton Colts & Stalions

CENTRAL COAST

Central Coast, Newcastle, Toukley, Peninsular Masters, Narrabeen Great Whites & Sharks
Penrith Waratahs, Hills Bulls.

LOWER MOUNTAINS

Lower Mountains, Katoomba, Minchinbury, Greystanes, North West Combined, Riverstone, Cambridge Park, Cabramatta.

**As previously indicated these groups will stay together for the first three modules
Could the following teams indicate if they are prepared to host the second and third modules**

Module Two; Newcastle, Greystanes, Appin,

Module Three; Peninsular Masters, Cabramatta, Guildford

Please check with your club management and let us know as soon as possible if you can host these games.

Game times

These will be dictated by many factors and will be required to fit in with Bio security restrictions, field availability and staffing.

Please don't get it wrong and put our whole masters group in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. **Let's get it right.**

I will go over all the requirements with individual ground managers once we have all the information.

All teams will be contacted by the host club to organise all facets of game day. These will include team arrival times, social distancing and sanitisation as well as many other important details. Teams will require a covid compliance person who will have the final say and be responsible for their club and its bio security safety.

As you can all see this will be a very involved and possibly complicated process to negotiate. Your total cooperation is required by all parties.

Each and every club should also have a team covid officer to ensure minimal disruption to the module and the upmost cooperation with and for the host team.

Once we have all the relevant information we may apply further measures of our own to ensure we comply above and beyond what's needed.

Safety of players and all others is our priority. We must comply on every level.

Thank you all for your patience

We will continue to work for you all in an effort to keep us all on the field and enjoying the sport we love.

Stay tuned for further information as it comes to hand.

**TEAM LISTS; All players and contact details to be emailed to Mal on or before the 26th June
ADMIN FEES; Admin, New player rego and fees to be paid on or before the 26th June
If these requirements have not been met your team will not be accepted for the first module and you will not be included in the draw.**

Insurance is still being discussed, you will be informed of these requirements as soon as they come to hand.

Thank you all for your cooperation

Mal, Col, Graham