

FFA MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IMPACT ON FOOTBALL



Football Federation Australia (FFA) today confirmed that the remainder of the Hyundai A-League 2019/20 regular season, and the Westfield W-League 2020 Grand Final scheduled for this weekend will go ahead, but with all matches to be played behind closed doors and with no fans permitted to attend. This policy will apply for the remaining six rounds of the Hyundai A-League 2019/20 regular season and will be reviewed for the Hyundai A-League 2020 Finals Series.

The decision by the Federal Government that all travellers to Australia arriving from today will have to self-isolate for a period of 14 days means that matches involving Melbourne Victory and Wellington Phoenix will not proceed in Rounds 24 and 25 of the Hyundai A-League. These matches will be re-scheduled and Wellington Phoenix will play all their matches in Australia for the remainder of the Hyundai A-League 2019/20 season.

FFA also confirmed that grassroots football, including all levels of the National Premier Leagues and FFA Cup Preliminary Rounds, may continue to be played at this time in line with Government advice, but with additional measures implemented

to further reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection or transmission through the football community, including recommended hygiene measures and appropriate social distancing at football matches.

FFA Chief Executive Officer James Johnson said that the decisions taken were designed to protect the 1.96 million members of Australia's football community, as well as ensure that football's vast community would be a positive force in helping Australians remain healthy and combat the spread of the virus.

"The scale of football means that we have a key role to play in maintaining the health and well-being of Australians, as well as their families and the wider community. We are doing so by allowing people to play, in line with the current Government position but with additional guidance to further improve social distancing at football fields around the country."

"We have been working closely with our stakeholders, Government health officials and our own chief medical

officer to develop our policies for the whole of the game following the COVID-19 outbreak. The situation is subject to constant change, and further measures may be necessary in the future."

Johnson added: "The decision to play the remainder of the Hyundai A-League 2019/20 season, and the Westfield W-League 2020 Grand Final behind closed doors was made in consultation with the clubs and in accordance with the latest Federal Government advice."

"The health and safety of all members of the football community, including players, coaches, referees, volunteers, administrators and fans continues to be of paramount importance. We will continue to work with the Government and seek advice as the situation changes."

The National COVID-19 Working Committee will continue to meet and FFA will provide regular updates to the football community as the situation continues to develop.



NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUES 1 NSW MEN'S ROUND 3 TEAM OF THE WEEK

Ultra Football Round 3 Team of the Week and we were minus one match but the five that took place produced some standout performances. Sydney FC starred with three top performers in Thomas Fay, Jake Hollman and Jordan Swibel gaining mentions. APIA Leichhardt FC had Ivan Necevski and Paul Galimi bag mentions while Rockdale City Suns Football Club - Ilinden's Alec Uroevski and Tomoki Wada were stars for their club. Manly United FC also had two players feature in Patrick Weir and Kieren Paull. Marconi Stallions FC had Anthony Frangie steal the show with a double strike while the round 3 man on of the moment, Blacktown City FC's Matt Lewis, who he himself scored two goals, also warranted a spot in our 11 this week. Congrats to everyone involved.

EARLWOOD WANDERERS FC

ARE YOU THE NEXT SOCCEROO OR MATILDA! BE A PART OF A 90 YEAR PLUS GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL INSTITUTION!

The local community organisation, the Earlwood Wanderers Football Club (EWFC), are seeking the next crop of future players. There are individual and team positions available across many age groups for boys and girls, Little Wanderers (2-5 year olds), All Age Teams for men and women. If you would like more details go to the EWFC website www.ewfc.com.au or register at www.playfootball.com.au Join the historic 90 years plus community club, Earlwood Wanderers FC who are seeking players in the following age categories:

Little Wanderers (2-5 yo, Boys and Girls) – Yianni 0415 376 886

EWFC Special Needs Football / All Abilities – Yianni

0415 376 886

Under 8 Girls – Phil P. – 0418 670 775

Under 10 Girls – Phil P. – 0418 670 775

Under 13 Boys - 5 players- Contact: Spiro M.

Under 16/2 Boys - Players and 1 x Goalkeeper – Contact: Jamie D. 0434 076 368

Under 16/2 Girls – 2 players – Contact: Theo F. 0412 480 563

Under 16/3 Girls - 4 players, 1 Goalkeeper – Contact: Terry L. 0418 442 711

Over 35s Men - 4 players – Contact: Theo T. 0418 894 672

Go to www.ewfc.com.au or speak with the EWFC Age Coordinators or register to play on www.playfootball.com.au or ask@ewfc.com.au

