

# MEMO: 23-20



**TO:** All Clubs  
**FROM:** Damien Bresic  
**DATE:** 27<sup>th</sup> of March  
**SUBJECT:** Office Closure / General Information

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Dear Colleagues,

We wish to provide you an update on Football Gold Coast activities as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

As the situation surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic and the knock-on effect it is having throughout our local football landscape, we wish to advise you that the Football Gold Coast Office will be closed as of close of business on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. This was a decision that was not taken lightly by our Board of Directors but one that was required as a matter of a last resort to ensure that Football Gold Coast can continue to remain financially sustainable and continue to function during this uncertain period.

At this point of time, affected staff have been stood down until Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April. However, it is expected that this period will be extended as football activities are unlikely to resume on this date as per the current advice by Football Federation Australia.

For the duration of the period where staff are being stood down, we will be disabling our office phones and will be uncontactable via this method. Staff that have been stood down will have limited access to their emails and mobile phones. During our office shut down I will continue to provide business continuity for the organization on a reduced hours basis. Therefore, any contact from clubs to Football Gold Coast should be conducted by email and directed to me at [gm@footballgc.com.au](mailto:gm@footballgc.com.au). I will endeavor to provide you a timely response but please appreciate that it may take longer than usual to come back to you.

## **INVOICES**

Attached to this memo you will find your invoice for player registration, however, in the first instance these are to be used as a guide to the number of players registered with your club and the payment of this invoice will be suspended until we have more certainty about the start date and length of season. But I would like to reiterate that if your club will still offer refunds that it doesn't refund the FFA/FQ and FGC portion of the fees until we can confirm what service we will be offering to our players. I wish to remind you that the governing body fees do not belong to the club and as such participants are not automatically entitled to a refund.

## **CLUB INFORMATION**

Once a more definite resumption date is known FGC will be issuing a club survey to gauge what impact the current situation has had on your club, how is this affecting your current operations and what potential impacts will you face in the future. We will also be asking you for your input on how you see the season running, a preferred start and finish date.

There are also free webinars to assist clubs in this time of need. They can be found at <http://sportscommunity.com.au/webinars/> that can assist you when the football season recommences.

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Finally as we continue to state, we are all in this together. We need to continue to be united so that our game remains strong and survives the current uncertainty. I want to thank all the clubs for their support during this difficult period and I want to reassure you that we are here to work with and represent you the best way we can so if you have any issues or questions please don't hesitate to contact me on the email provided. FGC is committed to providing you with as much information and support as we can.

Thanking you and stay strong and safe during these uncertain times

Regards

Damien Bresic  
General Manager.