

FOOTBALL QUEENSLAND RETURN TO TRAINING

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When can training sessions recommence across Queensland?

Training sessions can resume in Stage 2 of the Queensland Government's roadmap to easing restrictions from June 12. From this date, non-contact activity will be permitted for up to 20 people (per venue) and clubs may resume training sessions as per FQ's [Return to Training guidelines](#). In line with [Queensland Government guidelines](#), sanctioned football activity will remain suspended across the state until Stage 2 commences on June 12.

What measures will be in place at training sessions to ensure Queensland Government guidelines are being followed?

Football Queensland has developed a set of Return to Training guidelines to support clubs across the state, to ensure they are prepared to welcome participants back into a safe environment once training sessions can resume from June 12. These guidelines include conditions for all Queenslanders to follow once training resumes, including specific information on hygiene protocols, social distancing measures, and other requirements for participants, parents and clubs.

What does my club need to do to prepare for a return to training from June 12?

FQ's Return to Training guidelines outline the conditions that must be met prior to and throughout Stage 2 for any return to training to occur from June 12, to limit the spread of COVID-19 in line with Federal and State Government guidance. Failure to meet these conditions may void your insurance policies under the national insurance program. Clubs must also source written approval from the landowner e.g. local council before training can recommence.

Will all teams and clubs be returning to training from June 12?

Queensland Government guidelines outline that from June 12, non-contact activity will be permitted for up to 20 people **per venue**. Clubs are therefore advised to consider how they can schedule training sessions to meet the requirements of the FQ Return to Training guidelines and the Queensland Government's directives. For example, during Stage 2, all teams at each club may not be able to return to training at the same time due to restrictions, therefore some clubs may wish to prioritise a return to training for certain age groups (juniors or seniors) or teams based on limited field times available and maximum numbers of 20 permitted **per venue**.

Can my club host any training sessions before June 12?

No, the Queensland Government has made it clear that no indoor or outdoor formal organised individual or team community sport or training will be permitted in Stage 1 of the roadmap to easing restrictions. Sanctioned football activity will therefore remain suspended across the state until Stage 2 commences on June 12. Any training sessions, games and other football activity held prior to June 12 will not be sanctioned by FFA or FQ, and are therefore not covered by the insurance policies provided as part of your registration.

Can clubs split their fields to accommodate multiple groups of 20 people in Stage 2 from June 12?

Currently the Queensland Government guidelines specify that from Stage 2 (June 12), groups of up to 20 people are permitted per venue. We will continue to work with and seek further clarification from the Queensland Government on the possibility of specific venue configurations for football clubs to implement in the future, and will provide an update on this once more information is available.

Are clubs covered for liability if someone contracts COVID-19 from a club or venue activity?

All clubs are protected under their public liability insurances against claims made against the club. Clubs need to ensure they have paid their registration fees as public liability is covered under these fees.

Based on the Queensland Government roadmap and dates, when will the season run from/until?

We are currently working with FQ zones, local councils and other sports to finalise competition scenarios, and an announcement will be made on this shortly.

Do I have to download the COVIDSafe app to return to training?

No, it is not compulsory for participants to download the COVIDSafe app prior to returning to training, however we do encourage all members of the football community to download the app.

Can a participant with a pre-existing medical condition return to training from June 12?

Participants with pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma are advised to contact their local GP to get advice on a return to training.

I live across the border in NSW but play football in Queensland. Will I be able to return to training in Queensland from June 12?

Participants who do not live in Queensland are advised to visit the [Queensland Government website](#) for more information on eligibility for a Queensland Entry Pass.

Can my club hold any coaching or referee courses throughout May and June?

No sanctioned football activity including coaching and referee courses will be permitted in Stage 1 of the Queensland Government's roadmap to easing restrictions, which runs until June 12. This means that all sanctioned football activity will remain suspended until Stage 2 commences on June 12.

Will there be any additional support from Government for participants e.g. Fair Play vouchers?

Participants are advised to visit the [Queensland Government website](#) for the latest information on grants and funding programs currently available.

Are participants able to request a refund if the resumption fixture schedule does not suit them?

Any participants seeking a refund of club fees should refer to their club's refund policies as the first point of reference for fees associated with programs provided by the club. The circumstances under which players should apply for a refund of governing body fees apply as normal. More information can be found in [Football Queensland's Refund Policy](#).

RETURN TO TRAINING RESOURCES

- [Football Queensland Return to Training Hub](#)
- [Queensland Government Return to Play resources](#)
- [FFA's Rebooting Football Activities](#)
- [COVIDSafe app information](#)
- [Queensland Health](#)
- [Australian Government Department of Health](#)