

MEMO: 74 - 20

TO: All Clubs
FROM: Damien Bresic
DATE: 18th August
SUBJECT: Border Bubble Update

Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware the NSW/QLD border bubble has been in place for two weeks now. During this period, Football Gold Coast has been in consultation with the Queensland State Government, Football Queensland and the Department of Sport and Recreation regarding a number of scenarios that have arisen.

Football Gold Coast would like to confirm that **effective immediately, NO players, coaches, officials or volunteers who reside outside the NSW border bubble will be able to participate in Football Gold Coast competitions.**

Please understand that this was an extremely tough and unwanted decision to make, but unfortunately our hands were tied and we had no other option. I certainly hope that the affected clubs and the players can understand our stance and we wish them all the best for the remainder of the season.

The health and wellbeing of our participants is at the forefront of this decision and Football Gold Coast cannot permit participants from outside the NSW 'border bubble' to compete against participants inside the bubble as this does not align with the intent of Football Queensland's Covid-safe Industry Plan and the advice from the FQ and the QLD Government. The intent of these Industry Plans is to facilitate conduct of sport and recreation activity within a safe environment amidst the Covid-19 pandemic whilst also minimizing risk of community transmission of the virus.

With the above in mind FGC has spoken with Steve Mackney (General Manager of FFNC) who has agreed to keep his registration process opened for a while longer to allow any of the effected players to register with clubs in his Zone. If players wish to participate in the FFNC competition they will need to deregister with FGC and contact FFNC regarding registration.

Further, FGC has spoken with FQ and even though the players have participated in a number of games and training sessions we feel it would be appropriate to offer a 50% refund of all fees (FFA/FQ and FGC) to all players that are required to deregister from our competition due to residing outside the NSW border bubble. We will ask that all said players request deregistration on PlayFootball and then we can issue the refunds to the club who in turn will be required to pass on those refunds to each player.

Can you, as a matter of urgency please inform Football Gold Coast if your club requires to withdraw a team as draws will need to be adjusted accordingly.

Should you require any more information please contact the office.