



**CENTRAL COAST
FOOTBALL**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



We understand that many people have questions in these uncertain times and we're here to alleviate some of your concerns and queries. We want to point out that we are all geared up for a re-commencement of football activity, however, as the nature of COVID-19 evolves, this may be subject to change as we will always remain in compliance with the precautions advised by the NSW and Federal Government, Football NSW and Football Federation Australia (FFA).

How long will football be suspended?

At this stage Central Coast Football Competitions and all football activities have been suspended until 14 April 2020. This is only a temporary suspension and we are committed to resuming football as soon as it is possible. Further advice regarding any change to this will be provided as and when it comes.

Why did CCF make the decision to suspend football?

CCF is taking advice from both the Federal and State Governments, Football NSW and FFA. The FFA is communicating directly with the Federal Government at the highest levels. This is an unprecedented public health situation and CCF will follow the directions of the Federal Government.

Can I still play football?

No, CCF does not permit any clubs or teams to participate in any matches as all football activity has been suspended until at least April 14, 2020.

Can I still train?

No, CCF does not permit any clubs or teams to train as all football activity has been suspended until at least April 14, 2020.

What does 'all football activity' include?

- Organised training sessions of any form
- Competition, trial, friendly and pre-season friendly matches
- CCF 2020 competition matches
- Gala days
- Unnecessary large meetings (including Committees, Coaches, Volunteers and Match Official meetings)
- CCF coach and refereeing courses
- Football Club events, tournaments and programs
- Modified and/or social football arrangements

Am I insured if a group of us play/train/have a kick around and are injured?

No, not during the period of suspension. All players, coaches, managers and clubs should be attentive in ensuring football activities do not take place and that everyone follows all stated instructions.

I have registered for a Coach/Referee Education Course, will they be cancelled or postponed?

Yes, at this stage, all workshops and courses will be postponed and re-scheduled once we are back up and running.



Do clubs need to shut down their development programs or specialist extra training programs?

Yes, players and coaches must not participate in any football activity. Clubs should ensure this does not take place. Your club (and the players and coaches) are affiliated with CCF and you are required to follow the instruction of the all football activity suspension. Clubs, players and coaches will not be insured. The concerns around a lack of insurance have now escalated from an exposure against injury to someone contracting COVID-19.

What does the suspension mean for the 2020 competition arrangement?

At this stage, the 2020 competition is set to re-commence from April 26, 2020 with the same amount of games to be allocated for the season. Whilst there is potential for the suspension to be extended which may result in further games to be lost, CCF is working towards ensuring that players get to participate in as much football as possible this season. Like many aspects of normal life, football in 2020 will be extremely different from any other year. Further updates and information about the competition and league structures will be provided as soon as we have them.

What does this suspension mean for the draws that have been released?

At CCF we're working hard to create new draws and they will be released as soon as possible.

Does this suspension mean that the season will go later than normal?

As it stands, the last grand final date is still scheduled for Sunday September 27, 2020.

Is there a cut-off date for when the season would be called off?

Not at this stage. This isn't something that CCF are considering. The circumstances are very unpredictable and we will continue to communicate any information as we receive it with the advice from the Federal Government and the FFA.

What happens to my registration fees?

This is a suspension, NOT a cancellation. We intend to kick off the season on April 26, 2020 with no change to the amount of games for the season. In the case of this delay, registration fees will remain intact. A final decision on registration fees can be made when we have knowledge of the full scope of the disruption.

Can I still register to play?

Of course! Many clubs are still looking for and registering new players.

Is CCF still open and operating?

Yes, we're still here. However, we suggest you regularly check our website and social media pages for routine updates.

Remember: for registered players and the general public, the first place to go to for information should be your club.

If I have more questions, who do I contact?

The best place for players to direct their questions to is their own clubs. We will still be here to answer questions for our community.

What's the best resource to find out more information about COVID-19?

The NSW Department of Health are working hard to deliver all the necessary information to the public. Their valuable information can be found here: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>