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1 April 2020

COMMUNITY RUGBY LEAGUE MEMO

RE: COVID-19 (Corona Virus)
TO: All Regions, Clubs and Leagues
FOR: URGENT DISTRIBUTION

This MEMO includes an update on information previously distributed specifically relating to the QRL operational response to COVID-19 pandemic.

The QRL suspension of Community Rugby League games and training has been extended until 1 June 2020.

This decision was made in line with the latest Direction from QLD Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from the declared public health emergency which applies to all residents of Queensland up to 19 May 2020.

Directing that all people must stay in their homes except for:

- shopping for essentials - food and necessary supplies;
- medical or health care needs, including compassionate requirements;
- exercise with no more than one other person (unless from your household);
- providing care or assistance to an immediate family member;
- work and study if you can't work or learn remotely.

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/home-confinement-direction>

This decision to extend the suspension to 1 June 2020 was also made in consultation with our QRL Chief Medical Officer who advised that this measure builds on the above Directive by limiting community transmission through our Rugby League Community.

It is important to know that the QRL is committed to resuming games and training as soon as it is safe to do so but the safety of our participants and volunteers and their families is our priority at this time.



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We are monitoring the Government's advice closely and meeting regularly to review and communicate to our stakeholders as often as possible. This review process may result in a reducing or extending the period of suspension noted in this MEMO, based on the advice available at the time.

The QRL greatly appreciates the work of all volunteers during this uncertain and unprecedented time for our communities. There have been constant changes for all of us over the last few weeks and we acknowledge that this very fluid environment has an impact on us all in a myriad of ways.

We hope you have been able to adjust and navigate these challenges as they have manifested themselves in all facets of our lives.

Yours sincerely,

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