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6 May 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.

On Friday 1 May the Australian Institute of Sport released a Framework for the 'Rebooting of Community Sport.' This Framework has subsequently been endorsed by the National Cabinet and the Queensland Government.

The Framework outlines three distinct levels as part of a staged return to Community Sport. For Rugby League this is detailed as follows:

**Level 1:** Running/aerobic/agility training (solo), resistance training (solo), skills training (solo) including kicking, passing, ball skills (e.g. against wall) to self.

**Level 2:** Skill drills using a ball, kicking and passing. No tackling/wrestling. Small group (not more than 10 athletes/staff in total).

**Level 3:** Full training and competition.

In line with the Framework, the QRL will continue to work with the Queensland Government and QRL Chief Medical Officer in developing Rugby League specific guidelines for presentation and endorsement by the State's Chief Medical Officer.

This process will require in depth consultation with Regions, Leagues and Clubs as the QRL is explicitly aware of the impact any additional compliance measures will have on the volunteer workforce in Community Rugby League.

Over the last 6 weeks QRL staff have been working with Leagues on contingencies for competitions including start and finish dates for seasons, alternate competitions formats and insurance implications for Clubs. While this work will continue it is acknowledged that any return to training and competition will be in accordance



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with the health advice provided by the State Government.

**All stakeholders must be aware that until the QRL has received approval and provided notification there must be no direct instruction on training for participants. All activity as noted in Level 1 above must be self-directed. Breaches of this will not be covered by Club insurance policies.**

We remain confident that in working together we will see a return to Rugby League across our communities in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Ottaway', written in a cursive style.

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