



# Eastern Suburbs FC

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Dear Members

## **Return to Football at Easts – Request for “Restart Volunteers”**

### **Background**

As we continue planning for the staged return to playing football at Heath Park targeting a commencement date of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the Board continues to prioritise the safety of all our members and ensure that we follow the mandatory COVID guidelines established by the Queensland Government, the FFA, Football Queensland (FQ) and Football Brisbane (FB).

We are working on finalising clear systems and processes to be followed by all persons attending training and game activities at the Club in the coming months. We will endeavour to provide clear direction on what is required at each appropriate stage.

Our coaches and managers are being informed on the additional requirements for conducting safe training and game playing activities. They will communicate any additional requirements to players before training commences and will also continue to guide players appropriately as they conduct their sessions.

Given the number and age range of players looking to restart training, your Club will be in significant need of volunteer resources to ensure a smooth and safe return to playing football over the coming months.

### **Call for *Restart volunteers***

We are therefore calling for *Restart volunteers* to join us in implementing the return to playing process targeted for commencement on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

We will need volunteers who can fulfil general club support duties and importantly also a pool of volunteers from each team drawn from the parents/supporters of these teams.



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This will ensure that at any one training session or game day, there are sufficient volunteers available to assist the coaches in the management of the session and ensuring the welfare and safety of all involved.

We would see volunteers liaising with their team's coaches to establish a suitable roster of support for the team's planned training schedule. These Volunteers would establish communication with each other to ensure the pressures and uncertainty of daily life and the ability to attend can be managed by the team group at relatively short notice.

## Volunteer Activities required

Example activities that the volunteers would assist with include:-

- Managing the arrival and departure of players from the venue, including the car park to ensure appropriate social distancing requirements are observed by all attending;
- Recording details as required of all attendees; noting we are implementing a standard record-keeping framework for all teams to use;
- Controlling numbers of attendees at all sessions;
- Cleaning and sanitising of team equipment etc. following each session.

## How do I register as a **Restart Volunteer**?

I strongly encourage all parents and supporters of our players to consider volunteering for this important initiative. Should you be able to assist, please email the club - [volunteer@eastfootball.com](mailto:volunteer@eastfootball.com) - and provide the following details:

- Name
- Contact phone number
- East Team(s) associated with (if relevant)

The Club will then develop a volunteer register and each team coach will be advised of the volunteers available.

Given the tight timing of our planned recommencement, your earliest response would be appreciated.



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## Overall Volunteer Coordination

The overall control of the volunteer groups will be monitored by a sub-committee of the Board and include our Covid 19 Officer and Board Member – Mr Owen Millar. Any queries regarding the Club's plans for the season recommencement should be sent to [covid@eastfootball.com](mailto:covid@eastfootball.com).

We will provide further details on specific requirements as soon as they are finalised and communicate the staged restart schedule for each team commencing on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

We are Easts.

Yours sincerely

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**President - Eastern Suburbs Football Club**