

Hi all

The following as part of the statement provided by the WRFL today in relation to the 2020 season.

*The Western Region Football League has today announced the cancellation of its senior football competitions for the 2020 season.*

*The WRFL Board ratified the decision to cancel all senior football competitions (including Seniors, Reserves and Under 18.5 men's competitions and Senior women's) at its Board meeting last night.*

*The WRFL remains committed to conducting junior football and netball competitions in 2020.*

*The WRFL will look to stage a junior season over nine weeks, commencing Sunday July 26, consistent with ongoing public health guidelines.*

The full statement is on the WRFL website.

Given the junior season will commence on Sunday July 26 the following training program will occur:

<b>Week Commencing Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday (Training)</b>	<b>Thursday (Training)</b>	<b>Weekend</b>
<b>22 June</b>	5.30-6.30pm Goal 6.15-7pm Field and Boundary	6.15-7pm Field and Boundary	
<b>29 June (School Holidays)</b>	<b>NO TRAINING</b>	<b>NO TRAINING</b>	
<b>6 July (School Holidays)</b>	5.30 -6.15pm Goal 6.15 – 7pm Field and Boundary	5.30 -6.15pm Goal 6.15 – 7pm Field and Boundary	
<b>13 July (Term 3 starts)</b>	5.30 -6.15pm Goal 6.15 – 7pm Field and Boundary	5.30 -6.15pm Goal 6.15 – 7pm Field and Boundary	
<b>20 July</b>	5.30 -6.15pm Goal 6.15 – 7pm Field and Boundary	5.30 -6.15pm Goal 6.15 – 7pm Field and Boundary	Round 1
<b>31 August</b>			Round 7
<b>7 September</b>			Finals 1
<b>14 September</b>			Finals 2

We will train as scheduled this Thursday night, followed by a week off, which was originally planned for this week. The time is good given the length of the pre-season, school holidays and COVID hotspots in the western suburbs. We will commence our 3-week pre-season on Tuesday 7 July with goal umpires training from 5.30-6.15pm followed by field and boundary umpires from 6.15-7pm. This will occur every Tuesday and Thursday leading into the start of the season. There will be **NO** academies or training at MacKillop or Emmanuel College for 2020, due to restrictions on community groups using school facilities.

At this stage we will supply field, boundary and goal umpires to ALL U16 boys and U18.5 girls. How many games and umpires are involved is still to be determined. This will provide a fantastic opportunity for senior umpires to umpire with junior umpires resulting in a unique coaching opportunity. In that, over the next week I will be looking to survey all umpires to find out if you wish to umpire in 2020.

I will provide more details around match day procedures, match payments and appointments over the next few weeks.

Whilst we don't have a senior season, we still have a junior season and an opportunity to umpire in 2020. Given the biggest turn out for training since we returned tonight, indicates we have a lot of keen umpires wanting to run. Bring it on!!!

Catch you on the track  
Mark