

Media Release

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GOTAFE GVL Season Update

Following the release of Netball Victoria's Return to Small Group Training Guidelines on Monday and AFL Victoria's Return to Training Guidelines on Tuesday, the board of the GOTAFE Goulburn Valley League (GVL) met last night (Wednesday 20 May 2020) to review and discuss next steps. An online meeting was held earlier this evening and was attended by each of the twelve GVL member club's Presidents, and the full GVL board.

At that meeting, the guidelines were reviewed, and the way forward discussed at length. Decisions around whether a club returns to training, following the guidelines as set out by Netball Victoria & AFL Victoria, will be at the discretion of each of our member clubs.

GVL Board Chairman David Roff said, "The GVL will continue to await the announcements from State Government in relation to the easing of restrictions, including those around crowd numbers and the numbers of people at outdoor gatherings. These announcements will be a major deciding factor as to whether the 2020 season goes ahead or not."

Another President's meeting will be scheduled to happen the week commencing 8 June 2020 at which point, it is hoped that announcements made by State Government up to that date, will enable member clubs and the league to make a final decision around whether the 2020 season will commence or not.

"The GVL Board is working with all of its member clubs to ensure that they are following all the guidelines as released by Netball Victoria and AFL Victoria, as well as those from the State and Federal Government. We hope to be in a position to make a decision on the season in coming weeks which will provide clarity to clubs, our players, members, partners and volunteers." David Roff said.

GVL Operations Manager Josephine Spencer said, "The GVL's number one priority continues to be the health and wellbeing of its supporters, players, umpires, officials, partners, volunteers and committees and everyone across all our local communities. We will work with clubs to provide as much support as they need as we navigate the weeks ahead. The GVL is committed to positive action during this time. It is imperative that we all work together to ensure that engagement within our clubs is maintained and that everyone involved with clubs maintains strong links to their clubs and their communities."

David Roff said, "We appreciate that this is a challenging period for everyone across the communities where our member clubs operate. Naming rights sponsors, GOTAFE and all our long-standing sponsors are the lifeblood of the GVL and extremely valuable to us. They allow us to continue to grow football and netball at a community level. Without their support, we couldn't do what we do. We thank them and encourage everyone to support their businesses where they can."

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The AFL and Netball Victoria return to small group training guidelines for community football and netball can be [found here](#) .

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