



Return to training update

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From our President

Dear members

We're delighted that Council has reviewed our return to training protocols, prepared in line with Football Victoria (FV) advice, and given us the green light for training to resume.

However, there are a number of conditions attached to Council's authorisation to resume training. These are explained in the return to training brochure, which can be viewed and [downloaded here](#). It is **critically important** that you read this brochure and, if you have children who are players, explain the contents to them.

Council will have compliance officers at Lord and Mackie Reserves to ensure we are implementing our returning to training protocols. **Failure to do so will result in our training privileges being immediately revoked.**

To ensure we get this restart right and keep players, parents and officials safe not all teams will be starting training this coming week. **All coaches, assistant coaches and team managers are required to participate in a pre-restart webinar** during which physical distancing, hand hygiene and equipment cleaning protocols will be explained, as well as some practice drills that comply with physical distancing requirements.

Once team officials have completed this **compulsory briefing**, they will be given approval to start training. No training can start before this.

We understand that it's exciting to finally be able to get back on the park and kick a ball with team mates again, but this period is a test for our club, and for community football. We need everyone to play their part and follow the rules.

Michael Westaway
President Glen Eira FC

What do I need to do before coming to training?

You need to read and understand [the rules in the return to training brochure](#). Your team manager will ask you to confirm you have done this.

Why is my friend's team starting training before my team?

Because we need to stagger the return to training to allow us to brief coaches and test our new training protocols, to keep everyone safe and comply with Council and FV conditions.

Why has my team's training session time changed?

We need **a lot more space per team** than normal to meet physical distancing requirements. This means we have had to change training times for this transition period. Some teams will train on weekends instead of during the week. We will review this later in the week in light of updated Victorian Government guidelines that apply from midnight on 31 May.

What do I need to explain to my child?

Training will be very different for the next few weeks and we really need your help to make it work.

We know it's exciting to see your friends again but it's really important that you keep 1.5m away from them all the time. You can't shake hands, hi-5 or hug your team mates.

Your team will probably be split into two groups for each training session and you'll have to stay with your group – you can't mix with the other group.

Your coach will show you some new ways to practice football that don't involve touching other players. This means no tackling at training sessions.

Most importantly, you need to arrive just in time for training and leave **immediately** after the session – no hanging around to have a kick with friends, sorry 😞.