



# Return to football update

16 May 2020

## From our President

Dear members,

Following the easing of some of the Level 3 restrictions by the Commonwealth and Victorian governments, we are very pleased that a return to football is now on the cards. We know you're itching to get back on the park and we're working around the clock to make that happen as quickly as possible.

We are liaising closely with Sports and Recreation Victoria (SRV), Football Victoria (FV) and Council to get members back to training within the next two weeks.

Please be assured that **your health and safety are our highest priority**. We are currently finalising our protocols in line with [FV's conditions that we need to satisfy before we can return to training](#). This includes hygiene and cleaning instructions, social distancing measures, staggered training times, no contact in training activities and reduced numbers in training groups. We hope to be in a position to share our detailed return to training plan with you within a week.

We will provide another update with more details next week. In the meantime, please do take the time to read the important notices in this update and continue to follow health advice, to maximise our chances of a quick return to playing football.

Michael Westaway  
President Glen Eira FC

## When will matches start again?

Our current understanding, based on advice from FV and SRV, is that there will be no further relaxation of health measures before 31 May 2020. As such, we don't expect a return to matches before June at the earliest.

## Why can't we start training next week when other sports are doing so?

FV requires us to get written permission from Council to resume training at Lord and Mackie Reserves. Once we have this permission, we can schedule training sessions.

## Will a return to training be a return to the way we did things before?

No, it won't. There will be a range of additional measures in place including:

- Limits on the number of players training at once
- Physical distancing of players on the pitch and between teams
- Additional hand hygiene measures
- Additional equipment cleaning measures
- Restrictions on the presence of parents and other spectators at training sessions
- Shorter training sessions and fewer sessions each week

## What if I'm sick, or someone in my household is?

Anyone who is sick or has been in close contact with someone who is sick **will not be permitted to attend training**.

## Should I buy the new uniform?

Yes, now is the time to get your new sky blue and navy playing uniform from Sportsmart, which is operating with [modified trading hours](#).

## What about membership fees?

Thank you to the 70% of our members who have already paid their fees. For the remaining 30% of our members, FV's conditions for returning to training require you to have paid your registration fees before you will be allowed to train, for insurance reasons. We encourage you to do this as soon as possible.