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Media Release

Recommencement of Netball in Tasmania

Summary of Key Points

- Netball Tasmania's 'Return to Play' Management Plans confirmed as compliant with applicable guidelines.
- Netball Tasmania to waive 2020 Netball Tasmania Member Fees and RACT Insurance Tasmanian Netball League Club License Fee.
- Staged approach to Netball recommencement to be adopted.
- Community competitions resuming from July 13th.
- Tasmania Netball League resuming on July 24th.
- Full details contained in the return to play web page established at <https://tas.netball.com.au/return-to-netball>

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Netball Tasmania has received confirmation from Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania that our Management Plan to govern the recommencement of Netball in Tasmania is compliant with applicable guidelines.

As a result of this advice, the Board of Netball Tasmania met on Monday evening and determined that;

- **A staged approach to Netball recommencement will begin, with Netball competition resuming from 13 July 2020, provided that Management Plans are implemented.**
- and
- **Netball Tasmania will be waiving Member Fees for 2020, as well as the 2020 License fee payable by RACT Insurance League Clubs.**

Netball Tasmania CEO Aaron Pidgeon expressed excitement about the resumption of Netball in Tasmania following a long, but necessary, suspension due to Covid-19 related restrictions.

‘We are very pleased to announce that Netball competition in Tasmania will be able to recommence from July 13th. The Netball community has remained positive throughout the past few months and respected that Netball has had an important role to play by taking action to ensure that the spread of Covid-19 was restricted, and that the health and wellbeing of the broader community was placed above all else.’

‘We feel strongly that Netball Tasmania needs to play a role in financially assisting participants to return to Netball in what has been a very challenging time financially for many people. Netball Tasmania hopes that the Netball Tasmania Member Fee waiver, which will be passed through to the participants, will provide relief and incentive for participants to return to Netball. The TNL Club License fee waiver is provided in recognition of Club revenue challenges that a modified RACT Insurance Netball League may present.’

‘We acknowledge that when Netball does resume, it will look a little different, at least in the early stages. This will obviously start with spectator restrictions necessary to ensure that attendee numbers are managed in order to adhere to public health guidelines.’

‘There will also be a greater workload placed on Associations in order to meet applicable conditions for return to play, which in turn means that competitions may not commence immediately post July 13th. It’s also likely that across the state there will likely be a range of different resumption dates to ensure that each individual Association is ready to resume their own competition safely and sustainably. We support Associations in setting dates that are appropriate for their own competition and ask for patience from participants whilst individual Associations determine appropriate resumption dates.’

‘As for the RACT Insurance Tasmania Netball League, competition will resume on Friday July 24th. This will see continuation from the first round of matches played back in March 2020, with teams to play each other twice in total prior to finals. A home and away format match format will be retained. The Grand Final is currently scheduled for October 10th.’



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Staged Netball Recommencement Summary

Netball Tasmania has released a four-stage recommencement plan.

Dates established are aligned to the State Govt Roadmap to Recovery – Tasmania’s Plan for Returning to Sport and Recreation. All dates are dependent upon point in time public health advice and will be confirmed in the week leading into each scheduled date.

Associations and Clubs state-wide will be required to accept, implement and manage Netball Tasmania’s Management Plans in order to recommence Netball activities.

Below is a summary of the staged recommencement activity. A full description of Staged Recommencement Guidelines, as well as Netball Tasmania’s Management Plans which Associations, Clubs and Participants will all need to adhere to, is accessible via the Return to Play page on the Netball Tasmania website.

<https://tas.netball.com.au/return-to-netball>

Stage 1

Already in place

- Fitness sessions allowable with up to 10 individuals, excluding team officials.
- Sessions must be held outdoors.
- A register of attendees must be kept.
- Hygiene and physical distancing guidelines must be adhered to.
- Balls may be used in pairs only and must be cleaned with disinfectant before and after the session.
- Contesting, contact and match-play are not allowed.
- All conditions contained in Netball Tasmania’s Management Plans must be adhered to.

Stage 2

From 15 June

- In addition to conditions stipulated in Stage 1
- Court training may now be conducted provided there is no contesting, contacting or match-play.
- Training may occur indoor or outdoor (venue dependent).
- Attendee restrictions are lifted to 20 per court, exclusive of team staff.
- All conditions contained in Netball Tasmania’s Management Plans must be adhered to.



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Stage 3

From 13 July

- Contesting, contact and match-play allowable at training.
- Community Netball may recommence with up to 30 participants per court.
- No spectators will be permitted in order to manage attendance in accordance with guidelines.
- All conditions contained in Netball Tasmania's Management Plans must be adhered to.

On 24 July

- RACT Insurance Tasmanian Netball League to recommence with up to 100 participants per venue.
- No spectators will be permitted in order to manage attendance in accordance with guidelines.
- All conditions contained in Netball Tasmania's Management Plans must be adhered to.

Stage 4

No timeframe yet specified

- Spectators may return; however, restrictions and conditions may still apply.
- Other restrictions contained in Netball Tasmania's Management Plans will be reviewed in line with current public health advice.



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