

RIVERLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE

COVID MANAGEMENT COMPETITION BY-LAWS



MINOR ROUNDS

Impact of a COVID interruption on a single round

- Should an entire round of matches be abandoned, no points or percentage shall be awarded to any team
- The season shall recommence with the next scheduled round
- The season shall continue until the original finals are scheduled to commence

Impact of a COVID interruption on consecutive rounds

- Should consecutive rounds of matches be abandoned, no points or percentage shall be awarded to any team for the abandoned rounds
- The season shall recommence with the next scheduled round
- The season shall continue until the original finals are scheduled to commence

Impact of a COVID interruption on multiple rounds

- Should multiple rounds of matches be abandoned, no points or percentage shall be awarded to any team
- The season shall recommence with the next scheduled round
- The season shall continue until the original finals are scheduled to commence

Impact of a COVID interruption on individual matches within any round

- Should individual matches within any round be abandoned, teams shall receive the points allocated for a draw and the average weekly percentage of all participating teams of the same competition from that round of matches
- The individual games shall not be rescheduled
- The season shall continue until the original finals are scheduled to commence

Impact of COVID interruption on individual teams/players/officials

- In the instance where players and/or officials are unable to participate in a match or matches due to directed quarantine/isolation/border closures the minimum requirement to field an individual team will be 16 players for senior games and 16 players for junior games.
- Player sharing should be considered for junior games to facilitate games being played.
- Where a club can only field one senior team due to reduced player numbers, priority shall be given to fielding the most senior team for a game over any lower senior teams.

Return to Play following a COVID interrupted round or match

- If 1-3 consecutive rounds have been abandoned, then the season may recommence at the next scheduled round.
- If 4-6 consecutive rounds have been abandoned, then the season shall recommence at the next scheduled round following a minimum of 7-day training period.
- If more than 6 consecutive rounds have been abandoned, then the season shall recommence at the next scheduled Round following a minimum 14-day training period.

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FINALS SERIES

Impact of a COVID interruption on individual finals matches

- The final date for completion of the Riverland Football League competition will be Saturday 10 September 2022 and the Independent League Competition will be Saturday 3 September 2022. The League will attempt to reschedule finals games interrupted by COVID within this timeline.
- Where time does not permit for a finals game to be rescheduled, should an individual match, excluding the grand final be abandoned, the team with a higher ladder position at the end of the minor round season shall be deemed the premier by virtue of higher ranking.

Impact of a COVID interruption on a grand final

- Where time does not permit for the grand final to be rescheduled and the match is to be abandoned, the team who entered the grand final first by way of victory, or if not applicable, by a higher ladder position, at the completion of the minor round season shall be deemed the premier

Final qualifications in a COVID interrupted season

- Should a season be impacted on by COVID the minimum game qualification requirement for players shall be 3 games.

CROSS BORDER COMPETITIONS

Impact of a COVID interruption due to the unlikely event of a border closure

- All principles as previously outlined in these By-Laws shall apply to cross border competitions.

OTHER

Awards & Votes

- Votes and awards will be awarded for games played and not prorated for missed matches

Consequence of a suspension in a COVID interrupted Season

- All suspensions will be served in accordance SANFL Community Football Regulations and suspensions apply to games played and not dates.

Impact of COVID interruption on the Approved Player Points System (APPS)

- The APPS qualification has been reduced from 25 game to 20 to reflect shortened seasons over 2020 and 2021. The APPS will be reviewed as standard practice again in 2022.

Impact of COVID Interruption on the Total Player Payment System

- Regardless of any rounds or matches being abandoned, the Total Player Point System regulations and categories shall not be affected.

Matters not covered

- Should any scenario occur which is not covered by these bylaws, then the matter shall be referred to SANFL to provide advice, which may then be considered by the Riverland Football League.