



# Epping Eastwood Football Club Inc

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## IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE EPPING EASTWOOD TIGERS

My Fellow Tigers,

This is obviously an unprecedented time for us in football and of course in many other parts of our lives. I know that many of our members will be dealing with much bigger problems than just missing out on a football game.

It is difficult to know what to say to people at this time. Not only are we facing an increasing risk of illness, now many of us are simply wondering where to get the money to pay the bills. I know some of you are, at least temporarily, out of work and facing some pretty serious financial issues in the near future.

Unfortunately all we can help you with is football.

At this stage there is no change to the previous advice from FFA. That is, football is suspended until 14<sup>th</sup> April. Our association, NWSF, is hoping to start training again and commence the 2020 competition from 2<sup>nd</sup> May. With the evolving situation, it perhaps seems a little optimistic to be returning to football in only two weeks time.

The Association will be meeting with all the Club representatives (by video conference, of course) on Wednesday this week. That may shed some light on where things are headed but we will still likely be guided by the decisions of FFA and the broader sporting community.

Until we get a better idea of things, we have suspended all registration activity. There will be time to get this in order when things are more certain and we know for sure when we are starting up football again. In the meantime we still need players in our U9, U11, U12, U13 and U21 teams so if you know anyone who might want to play, get them ready to register when we re-open.

We have had a few questions about de-registering and refunds if the season is cancelled or shortened. The answer to this is that we simply don't know at this time. FFA, FNSW and NWSF all collect a part of your registration fees for various necessary things so it doesn't just sit in the Club's bank account. Until we find out more we are not processing any deregistrations or refunds.

We are currently waiting to see what happens but we are still proceeding with preparations for this season. This includes having all our equipment organised, managers' information in place, jerseys ready to go, etc. Our Coaches and Managers meeting has been postponed but will happen in some form or another once we know when the season will start.

For all our players, parents and supporters, we simply ask that you be patient, sit tight and we will keep you informed of any developments just as soon as we know.

You might like to try out the online skills challenge at NWSF (via their Facebook page).

Soccer Kickstart has made their individual Player Development App download completely FREE for 40 days to support everyone in staying healthy at home while still developing their football skills.

<https://sportskickstart.com.au/en/appcampaign>

I would like to personally wish you all the best in these trying times. Take care, look after your families and we will undoubtedly see you all back on the football field in the not-too-distant future.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Salmon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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