



16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

Dear Members,

**COVID 19 Update – Traditional Football Season No Longer Being Offered this Year**

You may have seen a media release from the league this morning stating that due to the current Victorian Government's restrictions and the period of time that the league anticipates before these are eased, the SMJFL Board has resolved that the league can no longer offer its traditional football season this year.

So where to from here?

- The SMJFL will be consulting with all Member clubs in determining whether they may be able to offer optional alternative programs, such as lightning carnivals and AFL 9s, if and when government restrictions allow.
- The Club remains in regular contact with the SMJFL and will work with the league to better understand any optional alternative program offered including the level of effort that would be required by Club Volunteers to support any of these programs.
- The Club's Committee has its next meeting in the first week of August, where it will discuss a number of key items, including how we propose to handle 2020 fees (e.g. offsets against 2021 fees) and any alternative programs that may be offered by the SMJFL.
- Importantly, and as advised earlier this season, if your family is experiencing distress and financial hardship and need to enquire about obtaining a refund please contact Marc at [registrations@gozebs.com](mailto:registrations@gozebs.com). These requests will be kept confidential between the Registrar and Club's Executive Committee.

There is not much more to say, other than we understand that junior footy and the Zebbs plays a major part in our kids lives and that they, and indeed us, will be disappointed that there will be no traditional football season in 2020. These times are unprecedented though, and health and safety of ourselves and in particular those at higher risk in the community is paramount so please do what you can to keep COVID-19 controlled.

So until our next update in mid-August, keep safe and healthy.

Thanks,

Matt Tuohey  
President  
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