



Dear Association/Club President and Secretary,

In the best interests of cricket participants and the wider community, this communication outlines how Australian cricket will do our part to further protect players, staff, volunteers and match officials at all levels of the game plus the wider community during the global coronavirus pandemic.

Cricket Australia, in consultation with its State and Territory Associations, has **cancelled the Marsh Sheffield Shield final for 2019-20** and the South Australian Cricket Association has taken the further step of cancelling all **Premier Cricket finals & SACA Primary School Cricket Competition** from this week onwards. **We expect local community cricket and school competitions to take the same leadership position** and cancel all cricket playing and training activity for the remainder of the 2019-20 season in response to this unprecedented global health issue.

This expectation also applies to competitions that are just starting or about to commence in some parts of the country. Where relevant, we will work with these associations to minimise this disruption. This is an evolving issue and decisions on starting or recommencing should be made carefully in line with government advice and direction from Cricket Australia and SACA.

We know many people in cricket communities around Australia will be disappointed with this decision, but it has been made in our communities' best interests in consultation with government and expert medical advice from Cricket Australia's Chief Medical Officer, John Orchard.

We acknowledge that this is a more extreme step than communicated in previous weeks, but our advice now is that the risks of playing organised sport at any level are too high to safely continue.

We also recommend that all clubs and associations consider the cancellation or postponement of end of season functions and events, as well as moving committee meetings to an online platform. If you need any assistance with this, please contact your SACA representative.

As all communities, organisations and institutions around the world rally to slow the spread of the coronavirus, so must Australian cricket. We hope that by taking these actions now we can play a small part in 'flattening the curve' and stemming the spread of the virus.

For any further information, [please read our FAQs here.](#)

Our number one priority is to the cricket communities that we lead and serve, as well as their families. Thank you for your commitment to cricket in your community. All of our thoughts are with you and your families as you navigate these uncertain times.

Kind regards,

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