



## **STATEMENT of COALITION OF MAJOR PROFESSIONAL AND PARTICIPATION SPORTS (COMPPS)**

COVID-19 is having a significant impact across our community and all our codes. The desire for community sport to return to play this year in 2020 is strong. A possible return to play is being carefully planned for by our sports in collaboration with many health experts, government bodies, and other stakeholders.

We share a mutual strong commitment in multi-sport participation at the community level and seek to avoid local participants having to choose between sports with overlapping seasons. The issue of venue access at community level is one that all codes are committed to assisting those planning ground use. We also encourage decisions to be made locally according to local conditions and considerations and we are encouraging our local associations and clubs to work together to achieve agreements. We believe that our biggest supporter of local participation, being local government, will appreciate this collaborative position

As we know our sports at the community are run by volunteers. COVID-19 is placing even greater demand on volunteers in these circumstances and we are all striving to make this as easy as possible.

All our sports have a significant and positive role to play in the recovery and health of many of our communities across Australia. We believe that community sport is critical to the wellbeing of the Australian way of life and collectively we can make a difference.

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COMPPS is the united voice of Australia's seven major professional and participation sports, the Australian Football League, Cricket Australia, Football Federation Australia, Netball Australia, Rugby Australia, the National Rugby League and Tennis Australia. COMPPS seeks to understand, advocate and educate for sport and sport related policy to provide the best policy landscape for Australian sport to thrive.

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