

Hi EBHC Family

I hope you are keeping safe and well.

On Monday, the Hockey WA Board had their meeting and on Wednesday evening, the Committee met. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update of both meetings.

### **Hockey WA Board Meeting**

Hockey WA are continuing to find the best balance between

- The health and wellbeing of players, volunteers, coaches, officials and staff at all levels; and
- The passionate desire that we all have, to return to playing hockey as soon as practicable.

The Board's response is informed by a range of factors including:

- The trajectory of the pandemic as winter – and the traditional flu season – approaches;
- The timing and speed of Federal and State Government plans to ease restrictions including rules such as limiting the size of gatherings;
- State Government consideration for junior sport within the context of a return to schools;
- State Government plans for the resumption of community sport;
- State Government plans for the resumption of elite/professional sport;
- Local Government and other infrastructure owners' plans to open facilities; and
- The possibility that State Government may open some WA regions faster than others.

Whilst a return to hockey in June is unlikely, Hockey WA is not able to announce a revised date at this time. The Board have committed to:

- Communicate with Members on a regular basis so that we are well-informed and consulted;
- Continue updating its COVID-19 Response Plan in line with factors, such as those listed above, that will shape the safe return of our sport at the earliest appropriate time;
- Providing enough notice to clubs to prepare to return (e.g. three or four weeks) and confirm that it is our intention to do so; and
- Continue to develop opportunities to bring in phased measures as restrictions are lifted (e.g. what could training look like within relaxed social distance measures; games without supporters).

Hockey WA have a COVID-19 hub and can be found [here](#).

### **EBHC Committee Meeting**

From a club perspective, we acknowledge that there may be some members of our Blades family who have been financially impacted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Should the season commence this year, and you have been financially impacted, please contact me to discuss your personal situation. We are committed to ensuring that nobody in our family is left out of playing hockey.

During this time where there is no hockey, we are undertaking two new projects.

- Website – This is long overdue and will have a new look and feel, and easy to manage; and
- Club Directory – This is a great way to source trades and services within the club. Members who would like to be in this directory, please send me a short email with your name, company name, trade/service and contact details. Please note that this information will be publicly available.

Once again, if you have any concerns or queries that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ceri Writer.

Yours in hockey,

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