

## Downs Rugby Update 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020


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### Resumption Update

Following the QRU Webinar on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020, there is now **36 x CO-VID Safe Officers** appointed at affiliated Clubs and Schools across our Region.

**All participating Clubs** have submitted their **Venue Mapping** and/or Plan and have been issued with a **Certificate of Compliance from Downs Rugby** to display during non-contact training.




**8 June – 10 July 2020**  
 Roadmap to easing Queensland's Restrictions  
**Stage 2**  
 Non-Contact Training  
 For clubs compliant with the Field Sport Industry Plan

To avoid confusion the QRU has initiated a simple "Traffic Light" communication system.

For more information on the Queensland Government's Roadmap and its application to sports such as Rugby Union,  
 Go To <https://qld.rugby/covid-19-return-to-play>

**LIMITED PREPARATION  
 ACTIVITY IN LINE WITH  
 ADVISED GUIDELINES**

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\*Everything subject to State Government Roadmap Announcements

**Amber QRU Traffic Light\*** = Non-Contact Training, started Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to 9<sup>th</sup> July, 11:59pm.

- **20 people per zone x 3 zones per football field** for training sessions with 1.5m distancing, accidental contact ok (no tackling, scrums, lineouts, or use of tackle/hit pads)
- Includes players, coaches, managers, covid safety officer etc.
- Toilets open, Change/Dressing Rooms to be locked and signed "Restricted Area".
- Attendance Register must be entered to start training = QRU Requirement. 8 weeks or 56 days on Register for tracing if required.

Rugby Union 1 Field 3 Zones





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**Green QRU Traffic Light\*** = Likely 1<sup>st</sup> July Qld State Government Stage 3 Roadmap Press Conference. Contact Training and Confidence in Contact Approval

- 10<sup>th</sup> July until 17<sup>th</sup> July = 100 people per licenced facility. Contact training and Smart Rugby qualified Coaches/Managers to sign-off players to Contact Ready from 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 for start of Risdon Cup, Emilee Cherry Women's 7s and Youth Girls 7s Under 13/15/17s.
- Any Rugby League players are to be especially assessed, prevent scrum injuries by putting players 'at risk' in the backline.
- Attendance Register must be entered to start training or competition play = QRU Requirement. 8 weeks or 56 days on Register for tracing if required.

## **Common Q&A:**

When is the cut off for team nominations and how will it work with C grade teams that are available? *The same letter next week following the Downs Rugby Board Meeting will also address: Downs Rugby Limited is awaiting the Stage 3 Qld State Government Roadmap Premier Palaszczuk/Chief Health Officer Jeanette Young/Sports Minister de Brenni Press Conference Announcement which will be likely date: Wednesday 1 July 2020. I can fully appreciate the frustration out there with Clubs/Players/Volunteers that we still do not have draws out as yet. The following is a rationale:*

- *Number limit for Stage 3 Community Field Sports from 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – Per Facility people head count limit may be relaxed from 100 to 250/500. Especially following the Prime Minister's Announcement on Crowds at Sporting Events on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020*
- *So many Junior players' parents are Senior Players and a possible relaxation on 100 people limit for licensed facility on Stage 3 Roadmap from 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 could enable Juniors into Seniors on Saturday at the same licensed venue. This is the ultimate impact on Draws and Venues.*
- *Queensland still performing well on the COVID front. 30,000 at King George Square recently does not help in the slightest. If there is a COVID outbreak and Restrictions change so does the Draws for Downs. We are entirely awaiting the big press conference then concrete Team Nominations once Downs obtain Government/QRU advice what is happening with Venue Limits.*
- *2020 C Grade is dependent on how many B Grade Teams there is nominated. If there is enough teams C Grade will kick off.*

### **Competitions as at 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**

- **Grades to be confirmed later June or very Early July after Stage 3 Qld State Government Roadmap / community sport in Qld Announcements. Chinchilla confirmed to play up in B Grade.**
- **Following Qld State Government Announcement on stage 3 for Community Field Sports on either 28<sup>th</sup> June or 1 July 2020, Downs General Manager to call every affiliated active & non-active Club and School for Team Nominations.**



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- **A Zoom Teleconference President's / All Sub Committee Members Meeting will swiftly follow. Draws will be published within one (1) week (if not earlier of the Qld State Government Announcement and published to easy-to-navigate tiles at the top of Downs Rugby Website homepage. All Media Engaged for interviews. Social Media updated.**
- **Return to Contact module being developed by David Southwood for Stage 3 Commencement (10<sup>th</sup> July or otherwise advised), to graduate to Contact. This is especially important if there is League players involved this year.**
- **All Coaches and Managers must be [Current Smart Rugby qualified](#) and [Registered in that Capacity for 2020](#). [Match Day App](#) will not work unless Coach and Manager is registered.**

#### **Juniors, Under 6 to 12s**

- Goondiwindi, Bears, USQ, TAS, Grammar, Kookaburras,
- Club Trial Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Juniors Round 1 – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- No Carnivals. Club v Club, through the Grades and currently not to be played at corresponding Senior Venue.
- Last Round Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020

#### **Youth Girls 7s, Under 13/15/17's**

- Round 1 – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Grand Finals – part of Risdon / Emilee Cherry Grand Final Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Excellent numbers with over 90 players registered.

#### **Teenage Boys, Under 13,14,15,16/17s**

- Rounds 1-3 were played pre-COVID Pandemic on 28.2.2020, 6.3.2020 & 13.3.2020
- Dalby Wheatmen confirmed. All other Clubs returning including Highfields Redbacks.
- Competition resumes for Round 4 on Friday 9 October 2020.
- Semi Finals at Highfields on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- Grand Finals at Gold Park on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (Athletic Oval booked for Soccer Grand Finals). Weekend prior to Year 12 finishing.
- Avoids the clash with GPS/Downlands Rugby in Term 3.

#### **Senior Womens 7s**

- Round 1 – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Emilee Cherry Grand Final Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Roma Echidnas, Toowoomba Bears, Toowoomba Rangers Bullettes, USQ Saints and St George Filly Frillies.

#### **Senior Mens**

- A and B Grade, possibly C Grade in 2020. Chinchilla confirmed to play up in B Grade if required.
- Round 1 – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- A Grade Likely: Roma Echidnas, Toowoomba Bears, Toowoomba Rangers, USQ Saints
- B Grade Likely: St George Frillnecks, Roma Echidnas, Toowoomba Bears, Toowoomba Rangers, USQ Saints, Chinchilla River Rats & Warwick Water Rats



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- Semi Finals Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Grand Final Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at Toowoomba Sports Ground Athletic Oval.

#### **Darling Downs Super Schools Cup**

- Super 6 Schools: St Mary's College, Mary Mackillop/Highfields State Secondary College/TAS, Scots PGC Warwick, and Faith Lutheran Plainland.
- 6 weeks total. Wednesday evenings: Start 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and Grand Final at Highfields on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

#### **South West 7s**

- Restrict to 24 teams total in competition this year to comply with COVID Safe measures.
- Last year with unrestricted growth was 64 teams.
- Five weeks from 8<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

End of Report