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Dear Downs Rugby Community,

We welcome the news earlier this afternoon, which was 104 days in the making. Queensland Government, Health Authorities, Queensland Rugby Union and of course our volunteer Board of Directors, Resumption & Sub Committees and our affiliated Clubs are to be thanked for the outcome achieved.

As at 5.30pm, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, we have advice from Gaven Head, QRU General Manager of Community Rugby confirming QSport's Field Sports COVID SAFE Industry Plan is to be approved as it applies to the Stage 3 Qld State Government Roadmap Announcement. Click on this [link](#).

To quote the Deputy Premier, Steven Miles, in today's press conference: From 12 noon Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: **"Contact Sport, Community / Kids Sport will be back, as well as Spectators."** Steven used the example of kids soccer on a Saturday morning, going from field to field.

The [Stage 3 Roadmap](#) (updated today), mentions from 12 noon Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020: *"Sport, Recreation and Fitness Organisations when following a COVID SAFE Industry Plan (i.e. QSport Field Sports Plan is an COVID SAFE Industry Plan):"*

- *Resumption of activity including competition and physical contact is permitted on the field of play*
- *Outdoor sports facilities can open with physical distancing (off the field of play)." This infers spectators physically-distanced the normal 1.5 metres apart & outside the 5 metre perimeter rope or fence around the rugby field(s). No numbers mentioned, distanced crowds are back.*
- *"From 12 noon, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 any person from another state or territory (excluding Victoria) may enter Queensland subject to completing and signing a border declaration."*
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➤ **Gaven has specifically requested that all Clubs and Schools throughout Queensland work to [Stage 2 non-contact requirements](#) until he receives and reports official notification from QSport.**

**Team Nominations:** Affiliated Clubs are to provide Team Nominations by **no later than 9am, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020** to [matthew.hammond@downsrugby.com.au](mailto:matthew.hammond@downsrugby.com.au). This includes any team(s)/age categories in Senior Men's, Open Women 7s, Youth Girl Sevens and Junior Competition. Zoom Meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 from 5.30pm – e-mail to follow. Draws to be announced thereafter. Senior Men's Clubs will be invoiced 2020 dues on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

This is a very positive move forward. Please contact me with any queries or to provide assistance with Committee Meetings. Return to contact training window of three (3) weeks upon QRU Confirmation. Competitive Contact Downs Rugby is back from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Yours in Rugby,

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