

## **An open letter to the Tasmanian football community**

Dear Tasmanian footballers, referees, volunteers, parents and supporters

As you would all be aware, all organised grassroots football activities in Australia (including training and futsal), have been suspended until 14 April, 2020 in order to help the country tackle COVID-19.

While it wasn't an easy decision to make, I believe it's the right one as the health and safety of both the football community, and the wider community, should be everyone's number one priority.

But that doesn't mean we should give up on football in 2020.

I would like take this opportunity to reassure the Tasmanian football community that Football Tasmania are doing everything in our power to get the 2020 season up and running and maximise the amount of football played this year – of course subject to clearance from health and government authorities.

Although times like these are challenging, they also have the unique ability to bring us closer together and I remain optimistic.

We're lucky in Tasmania to have such a network of committed and hard-working club members and volunteers who help keep football kicking throughout the state each year, and thanks to this I believe the sport is well placed to find its feet again when the time is right to do so.

Football Tasmania will monitor the situation closely, consulting with relevant authorities and keeping all stakeholders informed of developments so we can continue to work together as a football community to get people back on the pitch enjoying our great game.

For the latest updates, please visit [www.footballfedtas.com.au](http://www.footballfedtas.com.au) We will be providing information as soon as it becomes available.

In the meantime, I encourage you all to reach out to others in your clubs and communities to help where you can. If there is anything that we can do to help please let us know.

Thanks for your understanding and patience

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