

## MEMO: 75 - 20

**TO:** All Clubs  
**FROM:** Kat Pryer  
**DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> August  
**SUBJECT:** Refusal to Play Fixtures- NSW

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Dear Colleagues,

It has been brought to our attention that the number of teams are having concerns about traveling over the border to play scheduled fixtures against our NSW teams.

We would like to remind all our clubs that the safety, health and wellbeing of all our members is at the forefront of any decision we make and as such Football Gold Coast would never knowingly put our players in harm's way but scheduling competition fixtures in Northern NSW if told by the higher authorities that it is unsafe to do so.

At this point in time, and based on the information provided to us by FQ and the Qld State Government indicates that Northern NSW isn't deemed a Covid "hotspot" and as such all our NSW clubs are based in the 'bubble' which is classified as a safe area to travel. Therefore all NSW clubs that are affiliated to FGC are deemed as safe venues to play our fixtures out of and we see no health reason why a team should be fearful to compete in games over the border.

Consequently, if a club refuses to play their scheduled fixture over the border, the normal procedures for a forfeited fixture will be applied, with a 3-0 result awarded and a corresponding fine given to the offending club.

We hope you can appreciate that as our competition spans across to Northern NSW and that the area is safe to travel to that fixtures are needed to be played. We have a large portion of our playing base across the border and those children and parents have the right to play football as everyone else does.

Should you require more information please contact the office.