

The Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A. (Inc)

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Dear Members of the PRF,

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In light of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak we understand that many of you will have questions as to how the 2020 PRF racing season will be affected.

With constantly changing news and recommendations from Health Authorities in Australia in relation to the COVID-19 Virus (Coronavirus), the PRF wants to reassure all members that we will be complying with all the latest Government regulations and recommendations. We will be making sure that all Government advice is taken on board for the health and safety of all our members and their families.

Some of our members may be wondering if, we are in fact going to be racing this year. At this stage the Board intends to fly the race program that was accepted last year by our members. Information is changing daily with regards to the protocol to be followed by sporting clubs and the PRF will keep up to date with these recommendations and advise our members as soon as any changes need to be made.

To date the Federal Government's advice is that providing we have no more than 100 persons gathering inside at any one time that sporting organisations and clubs can continue to operate. This means we can still have club meetings and basket our birds, as usual. This being said, we urge <u>all members</u> to make sure they keep their distance between one another, refrain from contact (i.e. shaking hands) and wash their hands with soap to minimise the chance of infection.

If the Government reviews the regulations later and announces further restrictions then the Board will take the appropriate action under the law. The Board urges all clubs to report immediately to the Federation Secretary & President if their members inform them that they have symptoms and may be infected with COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The Federation Secretary will then inform all clubs of the situation and take further action to protect members and employees of the Federation.

We wish all members the best. If we all take care to follow the health guidelines, we are hopeful that we can all enjoy a successful racing season this year without any interruptions.

Yours in the Sport,

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President

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