EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

QUARANTINE (CLOSING THE BORDER) DIRECTIONS

APPROVAL FOR AFL TEAM (WEST COAST EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB) UNDER PARAGRAPHS 5(e)(ii) AND 27(r)


On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 a.m. on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA) (Act) (State of Emergency). The State of Emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

On 5 April 2020, I made the Quarantine (Closing the Border) Directions (Directions).

Under paragraph 27(r) of the Directions, an exempt traveller within the meaning of the Directions includes any person or category of person who I approve in writing, provided that the person or a person in that category complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject.

Under paragraph 5(e)(ii) of the Directions, additional approval is required for certain persons who have been in Victoria in the 14 days before they enter Western Australia.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give written approval to West Coast Eagles relevant persons to enter Western Australia subject to the following terms and conditions.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of this approval is to provide for the terms and conditions under which West Coast Eagles relevant persons may enter Western Australia as exempt travellers under the Directions for the purposes of the AFL 2020 Perth Quarantine Hub in order to limit the spread of COVID-19.

   Note 1: a person who is an exempt traveller under this approval and paragraph 27(r) of the Directions remains subject to the Directions so far as they apply to exempt travellers, including paragraph 5 (which identifies circumstances in which an exempt traveller cannot enter Western Australia).
Note 2: this is not an approval under anything except paragraphs 5(e)(ii) and 27(r) of the Directions. For the avoidance of doubt, it is also necessary to comply with any other relevant directions under State and Commonwealth law.

CITATION

2. This approval may be referred to as the Approval for AFL Team (West Coast Eagles Football Club).

COMMENCEMENT

3. This approval comes into effect at 12.00 pm on 11 July 2020.

OPERATION

4. This approval applies despite the Closure and Restriction (Limit the Spread) Directions (No 5) or any further directions that I give that replace those directions, and to the extent of any inconsistency between them, this approval prevails.

APPROVAL

5. For the purposes of paragraph 27(r) of the Directions, a West Coast Eagles relevant person may enter Western Australia prior to 11.59 pm on 11 July 2020, or any later time approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose, subject to the West Coast Eagles relevant person complying with this approval.

6. If a West Coast Eagles relevant person has been in Victoria in the 14 days previous to their entering Western Australia, that person is approved for the purposes of paragraph 5(e)(ii) of the Directions subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) the person complies with this approval; and

(b) unless otherwise directed, the person complies with the Presentation for Testing Directions (No 2) (including those directions as amended or replaced) and, for that purpose, the person is to comply with those directions as if they are subject to a quarantine direction and required to remain inside the suitable premises under a quarantine direction.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Self-quarantine at suitable premises

7. The West Coast Eagles relevant person must enter Western Australia by disembarking from an affected aircraft at Perth Airport in Western Australia.

8. Upon exiting the airport terminal, the West Coast Eagles relevant person must travel as soon as possible and by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel to suitable premises, either:
   (a) in the West Coast Eagles relevant person's own vehicle; or
   (b) in another way that an authorised officer directs the West Coast Eagles relevant person to take, either orally or in writing.

9. As soon as the West Coast Eagles relevant person arrives at the suitable premises, the West Coast Eagles relevant person must remain inside them for a period ending fourteen (14) days after the day on which the West Coast Eagles relevant person entered Western Australia (quarantine period), unless:
   (a) the West Coast Eagles relevant person is given another direction which they are required by law to obey; or
   (b) the West Coast Eagles relevant person leaves the suitable premises to participate in an authorised training activity at an approved training venue in accordance with paragraph 14; or
   (c) the West Coast Eagles relevant person leaves the suitable premises to participate in a quarantine match at a match day venue in accordance with paragraph 15.

10. During the quarantine period, a person must not enter the suitable premises unless:
    (a) the person is an authorised officer; or
    (b) the person is a responsible officer, or a person assisting a responsible officer; or
    (c) the person is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a responsible officer; or
    (d) the person enters the premises for emergency purposes; or
    (e) the person usually lives in the suitable premises; or
(f) the person is approved by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose either orally or in writing, and who complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject.

11. During the quarantine period, the West Coast Eagles relevant person must take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5 metres away from any other person except in circumstances where the West Coast Eagles relevant person is:

(a) participating in an authorised training activity or travelling between the suitable premises and an approved training venue in accordance with paragraph 14; or

(b) participating in a quarantine match or travelling between the suitable premises and a match day venue in accordance with paragraph 15.

12. When travelling, the West Coast Eagles relevant person must wear a face mask if available and practicable.

13. The West Coast Eagles relevant person must call 1300 316 555 immediately if the West Coast Eagles relevant person develops or has recently experienced symptoms.

**Authorised training activity**

14. The West Coast Eagles relevant person may leave the suitable premises between 7.00 am and 6.00 pm each day for the purpose of participating in an authorised training activity at an approved training venue provided that:

(a) the West Coast Eagles relevant person is not displaying symptoms; and

(b) the West Coast Eagles relevant person travels either alone or with one or more other West Coast Eagles relevant persons by motor vehicle from the suitable premises to an approved training venue by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or to collect a West Coast Eagles relevant person; and

(c) the West Coast Eagles relevant person complies with:

(i) paragraphs 10(c)(ii) and (iv)-(x), and 15.2(a)-(b) and (f)-(l) of the AFL Protocol; and

(ii) if the approved training venue is the subject of an approved plan, that approved plan; and
(d) at the end of the authorised training activity, the West Coast Eagles relevant person travels either alone or with one or more other West Coast Eagles relevant persons from the approved training venue to the suitable premises by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or to drop off a West Coast Eagles relevant person.

Quarantine Match

15. The West Coast Eagles relevant person may leave the suitable premises for the purpose of participating in a quarantine match at a match day venue provided that:

(a) the West Coast Eagles relevant person is not displaying symptoms; and

(b) the West Coast Eagles relevant person travels either alone or with one or more other West Coast Eagles relevant persons by motor vehicle from the suitable premises to the approved training venue specified in paragraph 24(a) of this approval by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or to collect a West Coast Eagles relevant person; and

(c) the West Coast Eagles relevant person travels from the approved training venue to the match day venue with one or more other West Coast Eagles relevant persons in a club vehicle by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law; and

(d) the West Coast Eagles relevant person complies with:

(ii) any approved plan for the match day venue or the conduct of the quarantine match; and

(e) as soon as possible after the end of the quarantine match, the West Coast Eagles relevant person travels with one or more other West Coast Eagles relevant persons from the match day venue to the approved training venue specified in paragraph 24(a) in a club vehicle by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law; and
(f) immediately after arriving at the approved training venue specified in paragraph 24(a), the West Coast Eagles relevant person travels either alone or with one or more other West Coast Eagles relevant persons from the approved training venue to the suitable premises by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or to drop off a West Coast Eagles relevant person.

Immediate threat to safety

16. Notwithstanding paragraph 9, the West Coast Eagles relevant person may leave the suitable premises, an approved training venue or a match day venue (the relevant place) to escape an immediate threat to their safety provided that the West Coast Eagles relevant person:

(a) goes no further from the relevant place than is necessary to escape that threat; and

(b) returns to the relevant place as soon as it is safe to do so; and

(c) if unable to return to the relevant place within an hour of leaving, telephones the police on 131 444 and informs them that the West Coast Eagles relevant person is subject to a self-quarantine direction and had to leave the relevant place.

Urgent medical treatment

17. Notwithstanding paragraph 9, the West Coast Eagles relevant person may leave the suitable premises, an approved training venue or a match day venue (the relevant place) to seek urgent medical treatment at a hospital or other treatment facility provided that:

(a) it is necessary to leave the relevant place in order for that treatment to be provided; and

(b) prior to leaving the relevant place (and if it is practicable to do so), the West Coast Eagles relevant person telephones the ambulance service or the hospital or other treatment facility at which the urgent medical treatment will be sought and informs them that the West Coast Eagles relevant person is subject to a self-quarantine direction and needs to attend the hospital or other treatment facility for urgent medical treatment; and
(c) the West Coast Eagles relevant person goes to the hospital or other treatment facility by ambulance or by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and

(d) the West Coast Eagles relevant person complies with any direction or instruction given by an emergency officer or a responsible officer; and

(e) unless otherwise directed or instructed by an emergency officer or a responsible officer, the West Coast Eagles relevant person returns to their suitable premises as soon as possible after the urgent medical treatment has been provided by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel.

18. If the relevant place from which the West Coast Eagles relevant person (Person A) leaves to seek urgent medical treatment is an approved training venue or a match day venue, a West Coast Eagles relevant person who is also a support officer (Person B) may also leave the approved training venue or the match day venue to attend the hospital or other treatment facility with Person A provided that:

(a) prior to leaving the approved training venue or the match day venue, Person B telephones the ambulance service or the hospital or other treatment facility at which the urgent medical treatment will be sought and informs them that Person A and Person B are each subject to a self-quarantine direction and need to attend the hospital or other treatment facility for urgent medical treatment; and

(b) Person B goes to the hospital or other treatment facility with Person A by ambulance or by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and

(c) Person B complies with any direction or instruction given by an emergency officer or a responsible officer; and

(d) unless otherwise directed or instructed by an emergency officer or a responsible officer, Person B returns to their suitable premises as soon as possible after the urgent medical treatment has been provided by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel.
AUTHORISATION

19. For the purposes of paragraphs 5, 10(f), 22, 24(b), 36(b), 39(b) and 44, I authorise any police officer acting at or above the rank of Inspector to give the approval referred to in those paragraphs.

DEFINITIONS

20. **Affected aircraft** has the same meaning that it has in the Directions.

21. **AFL 2020 Perth Quarantine Hub** means the arrangements for the playing of a number of matches in the AFL 2020 Premiership Season in Perth while the players, umpires, match officials and other people associated with the clubs playing the matches are in quarantine.

22. **AFL Protocol** means the Return to Play Protocol 2020 Toyota AFL Season Short Stay Play Model Version 4 dated 8 July 2020 or any variation of that document which is approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.

23. **Approved plan**, in relation to a venue or the conduct of a quarantine match, has the same meaning that it has in the AFL (Venues) Directions.

24. **Approved training venue** means:

   (a) that part of the **club's** training facility located at Mineral Resources Park, 42 Bishopsgate St, Lathlain that consists of:

      (i) the part of the ground floor of the clubs' training facility indicated by the shaded area on the map at Appendix A of the West Coast Eagles COVID-19 Protocol; and

      (ii) oval 1 as indicated in the map in section 8 of the West Coast Eagles COVID-19 Protocol; and

      (iii) that portion of the club's training facility reasonably required for access and egress to the parts of the facility specified in this subparagraph; or

   (b) any other venue approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.

25. **Approved West Coast Eagles player** means a person who is contracted to play football for the club.
26. **Authorised officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.

   *Note: at the time of giving this approval, all police officers are authorised officers, and paragraph 16 of the Directions ensures that relevant officers are also authorised officers for the purposes of the Directions.*

27. **Authorised training activity** means training and related exercise and physical conditioning undertaken in connection with playing or preparing to play Australian Rules Football in the AFL 2020 Premiership Season, including:

   (a) individual training, group or full squad training, drills or exercises; and
   
   (b) practice matches; and
   
   (c) gym training sessions or gym-based activities; and
   
   (d) any activity that is reasonably necessary or incidental to the training programme of an AFL footballer or the operations of the club, including, for the avoidance of doubt, physiotherapy, sports medicine or club meetings.

28. **Club** means the West Coast Eagles Football Club.

29. **Club vehicle** means:

   (a) a vehicle owned by the club that is used for the purpose of transporting club property, or West Coast Eagles relevant persons; or
   
   (b) a charter bus or other charter vehicle arranged for the exclusive use of West Coast Eagles relevant persons.

30. **Coach** means a person who coaches or trains **approved West Coast Eagles players**.

31. **Direction** includes any direction under the Act or the Public Health Act 2016 (WA), whether the direction is given orally or in writing, and **directed** includes directed by way of a direction under the Act or the Public Health Act 2016 (WA), whether the direction is given orally or in writing.

32. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Public Health Act 2016 (WA).

33. **Enter** has the same meaning that it has in the Directions.

34. **Hospital** has the same meaning that it has in the Health Services Act 2016 (WA).
35. **Instruction** means an instruction given for the purposes of this approval which is not a direction, whether the instruction is given orally or in writing, and **instructed** means instructed by way of an instruction, whether the instruction is given orally or in writing.

36. **Match day venue** means:
   
   (a) Optus Stadium located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood; or
   
   (b) any other venue approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.

37. **Participate** means to:
   
   (a) undertake or engage in; or
   
   (b) organise; or
   
   (c) attend.

38. **Police officer** means a person appointed under Part I of the *Police Act 1892* (WA) to be a member of the Police Force of Western Australia.

39. **Quarantine match** means:
   
   (a) the game of Australian Rules Football played in connection with the AFL 2020 Premiership Season between the club and the Fremantle Football Club scheduled to occur on 19 July 2020; or
   
   (b) any other game of Australian Rules Football involving the club and played in connection with the AFL 2020 Premiership Season in the quarantine period that is approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.

40. **Responsible officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Directions.

41. **Suitable premises** has the same meaning that it has in the Directions.

42. **Support officer** means a person who is appropriately trained and qualified to provide support to AFL football players and their coaches and includes, for the avoidance of doubt, medical personnel engaged by the club.

43. **Symptoms** means any one or more of:
   
   (a) a fever of 38 degrees or above; or
   
   (b) a recent history of fever; or
(c) symptoms of acute respiratory infection (including, but without limitation, shortness of breath, a cough or sore throat).

44. **West Coast Eagles COVID-19 Protocol** means the West Coast Eagles COVID-19 Two Week Quarantine Protocol Mineral Resources Park Version 2.4 dated 9 July 2020 or any variation of that document which is approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.

45. **West Coast Eagles relevant person** means:
   
   (a) an approved West Coast Eagles player; or
   
   (b) a coach of an approved West Coast Eagles player; or
   
   (c) a support officer; or
   
   (d) any person whose presence is necessary or reasonably incidental to the participation of the club in a quarantine match.

**PENALTIES**

A failure to comply with a provision of this approval may result in a breach of the Directions and may be an offence which is punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to $50,000 for individuals and $250,000 for bodies corporate.

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Christopher John Dawson  
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

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