

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

### Sections 67, 71 and 72A

## WAIS OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC SQUAD MEMBER TRAINING DIRECTIONS

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 am 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**). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

Pursuant to my powers as a police officer under section 71 of the Act, and the powers given to me under sections 67 and 72A of the Act to give other directions to all persons in Western Australia to prevent, control or abate the risks associated with the emergency presented by the pandemic caused by COVID-19, I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions.

### PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to facilitate the training of **WAIS Olympic and Paralympic Squad members** consistent with limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

### CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the WAIS Olympic and Paralympic Squad Member Training Directions.

### COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at the time of signing.

### OPERATION

4. For the avoidance of doubt, the requirements in these directions are in addition to, and do not derogate from, any other relevant requirement set out in the Outbreak Restrictions (Circuit-Break Lockdown – Level 3) Directions (No 2) (***Outbreak Directions***), the

Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions, provided that in the event of any inconsistency between those directions and these directions, these directions prevail.

## **DIRECTIONS**

5. Notwithstanding paragraph 9 of the Outbreak Directions, or any corresponding paragraph in a direction that revokes or replaces the Outbreak Directions, unless otherwise **directed**, a WAIS Olympic and Paralympic Squad member may leave their home to **participate** in an **authorised training activity** at an **approved training venue** provided that the member:
  - (a) is not displaying **symptoms**; and
  - (b) travels in a private vehicle, taxi or rideshare service from their home to the approved training venue by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and  
*Note: a rideshare service does not include a bus, train or other form of mass public transport.*
  - (c) complies with the relevant **approved training venue plan** whilst at the approved training venue; and
  - (d) travels in a private vehicle, taxi or rideshare service from the approved training venue to their home at the end of the authorised training activity by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel.
6. Notwithstanding anything in the Outbreak Directions, a WAIS Olympic and Paralympic Squad member may participate in an authorised training activity at an approved training venue provided the member complies with the relevant approved training venue plan whilst at the approved training venue.
7. If a WAIS Olympic and Paralympic Squad member leaves their home in accordance with these directions, they must comply with paragraph 22 of the Outbreak Directions, or any corresponding paragraph in a direction that revokes or replaces the Outbreak Directions when not participating in an authorised training activity.

8. While a WAIS Olympic and Paralympic Squad member is present at an approved training venue, the owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of the venue:
  - (a) must comply with the relevant approved training venue plan; and
  - (b) must take all reasonable steps to ensure that any person employed or engaged by them or employed or engaged by such a person (including any officer, employee, agent or contractor) complies with the relevant approved training venue plan.
9. WAIS must take all reasonable steps to ensure that each approved training venue plan is complied with.

#### **AUTHORISATION**

10. In each place where these directions contemplate a person authorised by me giving any approval, I authorise any **police officer** acting at or above the rank of Inspector to give that approval.

#### **INTEPRETATION**

11. Unless specified otherwise, a reference in these directions to any other direction made by the State Emergency Coordinator is deemed to be a reference to those directions as amended or replaced from time to time.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

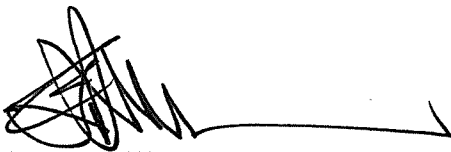
12. **Approved training venue** means:
  - (a) the WA Athletics Stadium located at Stephenson Avenue, Mount Claremont; or
  - (b) the part of the HBF Stadium consisting of the 8 Lane Outdoor Pool located at Stephenson Avenue, Mount Claremont; or
  - (c) the part of the HBF Stadium consisting of the High Performance Service Centre located at Stephenson Avenue, Mount Claremont.
13. **Approved training venue plan** means:
  - (a) in relation to the WA Athletics Stadium, the 'Continuation of Restricted High-Performance Training Plan', Venue WA Athletics Stadium, current as at 16 March 2021 and any amendment or replacement of that plan approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose; or

- (b) in relation to the 8-lane outdoor pool at HBF Stadium, the 'Continuation of Restricted High-Performance Training Plan', Venue 8-Lane Outdoor Pool HBF Stadium, current as at 16 March 2021 and any amendment or replacement of that plan approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose; or
  - (c) in relation to the High Performance Service Centre at the HBF Stadium, the 'Continuation of Restricted High-Performance Training Plan – WAIS High Performance Service Centre', current as at 12 March 2021 and any amendment or replacement of that plan approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.
- 14. **Authorised training activity** means training and related exercise and physical conditioning undertaken in preparation for the 2021 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, 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) preparation for trials, competitions or other selection processes by which the Australian Olympic Team is selected; and
  - (e) any activity that is reasonably necessary or incidental to the training programme of a WAIS Olympic and Paralympic Squad member in preparation for the 2021 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, including physiotherapy, sports medicine and meetings.
- 15. **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.
- 16. **Participate** means to:
  - (a) undertake or engage in; or
  - (b) organise,and **participating** has a corresponding meaning.

17. **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.
18. **Support officer** means a person who is appropriately trained and qualified to provide support to a WAIS Olympic and Paralympic Squad member described in paragraph 21(a) or (b) and includes, for the avoidance of doubt, medical personnel engaged by the WAIS.
19. **Symptoms** means any one or more of:
- (a) a fever of 37.5 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); or
  - (d) loss of smell or loss of taste.
20. **WAIS** means the Western Australian Institute of Sport Incorporated (ABN 64 970 865 918).
21. **WAIS Olympic and Paralympic Squad member** means an:
- (a) an athlete engaged by **WAIS** who is preparing for, or seeking selection for, the Australian team for the 2021 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games; or
  - (b) a person who coaches or trains an athlete described in paragraph (a); or
  - (c) a **support officer**.

## **PENALTIES**

A failure to comply with these directions 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**

Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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