



RETURN TO PLAY IN A COVID-SAFE ENVIRONMENT PLAN

Stage 3 - Return to Play All Age Groups

12/7/20

This Stage 3 Return to Play plan is provided by Belnorth Football Club.

This plan outlines our operational delivery of matches in the following leagues

- MiniRoos
- Junior League and
- Senior League

This plan will commence on 18/7/2020

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The Club acknowledges that this plan is in accordance with the Capital Football COVID-19 State 3 – Return to Play Guidelines, and is aware of the hygiene and safety aspects of return to matches.

Introduction

Due to the impact of COVID-19, all football activities were suspended from 18 March 2020 until at least 31 May 2020. Since this suspension began, Belnorth FC has been planning and preparing for a return to football when it is safe, and the suspension is lifted.

Belnorth FC has a responsibility to protect not just the football community, but the broader community in the ACT and surrounding regions, and to assist in preventing any outbreaks of COVID-19 where possible. We as a football community, including players, coaches, match officials, staff, volunteers and parents/guardians, must play a role if we are to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The resumption of football activities is subject to the provisions of each State/Territory government and/or Local Public Health Authorities. For sport in the ACT, it is the ACT Government. It is important to note that clubs are required to comply with the public health advice for the state/territory in which they reside.

CovidSafe App

Belnorth FC supports the Australian Government's COVIDSafe app and strongly encourages all members of the club to download the app. For more information including where to download the app please click [here](#).

General Precautions

Attendance

Participants (including players, parents, coaches, referees, volunteers) are not to return to matches if they:

- Feel unwell
- Have any flu-like symptoms
- Have travelled internationally, travelled to Victoria or been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the preceding 14 days
- Been tested for COVID-19 and have not yet received the results
- Are at high risk from a health perspective, including the elderly and those with pre-existing medical health conditions

Hygiene

- Ensure spaces, surfaces and objects at each venue are regularly cleaned
- Promote regular and thorough hand washing by the club and team officials and participants
- Encourage people to bring hand sanitiser
- No sharing of pens or clipboards, participants must bring their own to venues
- No sharing of drink bottles
- No sharing of food including fruit and lollies
- Ensure bins are provided around the venue

Behaviour

- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze;
- If using tissues, place them directly in the bins provided;
- No spitting at any time

What is permitted during Match Play

The following is permitted at the venue and during match play:

- Full competitive and non-competitive matches are permitted within the normal Laws of the Game
- Where possible, players should come ready to play
- Play only – get in, play, get out
- Social activities when games have concluded are discouraged. Club meetings must be limited to essential gatherings and within the government's guidelines
- Spectator areas to meet gathering restrictions (In ACT no more than 250 per venue)
- No more than 1 spectator per player.
- Promote physical distancing of 1.5 metres between spectators
- Where clubs choose to use change rooms they must limit use to a maximum number of people that equals 1 person per 4sqm
- Canteens and BBQ's are permitted in line with relevant government requirements.

What is NOT permitted during Match Play

The following is NOT permitted at the venue and during match play:

- Handshakes before and after the match
- Team huddles and high fives
- Multiplayer goal celebrations
- Spitting
- Sharing of equipment including drink bottles, towels, shin pads and bibs.

Match Operations at Venue

Entry and Exits

- Clear pedestrian entry points to the venue and allocated fields
- Clear pedestrian exit points from the venue and allocated fields

Spectators

- Spectators to reside in the designated areas outlined.
- Spectators to remain 3 to 5 metres from the playing area.
- No more than 1 spectator per player.

Match Operations at Venue

Canteen

- The club's contracted canteen operator follows the [ACT Government Food Safety Regulations](#) and will operate from a food van with a full menu.
- All staff will wear gloves, regular wiping of the benches and sanitising the servicing window.
- Hand sanitiser is provided for the public use at the van window.
- Any staff who have flu-like symptoms or are ill will not be working as per COVID-19 guidelines.

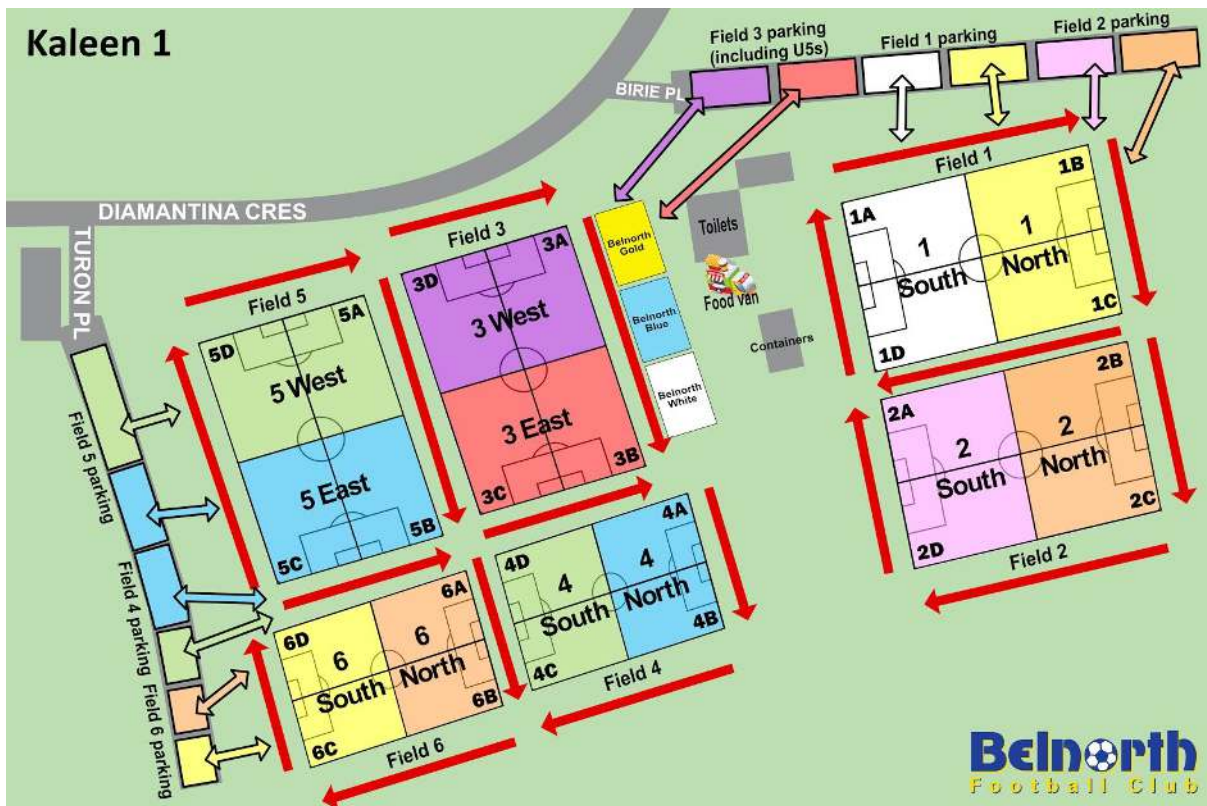
Amenities

- Toilets will be open and regularly checked for cleanliness.
- Referees room will be open (ensuring 4m² per person)
- Shipping containers will be staffed to ensure minimal entry by parents and players

Venue Maps

Kaleen 1- Birie Pl and Turon Pl, Kaleen

- Field 1, 2 and 3: park at the [Birie Place car park](#)
- Field 4, 5 and 6: park at the [Turon Place car park](#)



Giralang 1 - Gari PI and Atalumba PI

- Field 1: park at the [Gari Place car park](#) next to field 1.
- Field 2: park at the [car park off Canopus Crescent](#) next to field 2.
- Field 3 and 4: park at the [Atalumba Place car park](#) (behind 7-Eleven)

