

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 71 and 72A

NBL TEAM (PERTH WILDCATS) 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 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.

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, Colin John Blanch, Acting Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions.

PREAMBLE

1. These directions facilitate **Perth Wildcats relevant persons** attending training during their **self-quarantine period** subject to compliance with COVID-19 risk mitigation protocols, and are for the purpose of preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia and otherwise limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **NBL Team (Perth Wildcats) Directions**.

COMMENCEMENT

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

OPERATION

4. Except where these directions provide otherwise, a Perth Wildcats relevant person must comply with:
 - (a) these directions; and
 - (b) the Queensland Outbreak Response Directions as amended from time to time or any further directions that I give to replace those directions,

provided that to the extent of any inconsistency between the directions listed at paragraph 4(a) and (b), these directions prevail.

DIRECTIONS

5. Notwithstanding paragraph 4 of the **self-quarantine requirements**, a Perth Wildcats relevant person may leave their **suitable premises** to **participate** in an **authorised training activity** at the **approved training venue** in accordance with paragraph 6.
6. Unless otherwise directed, a Perth Wildcats relevant person may leave their suitable premises between 5:00 am and 7:00 pm on each day to participate in an authorised training activity at the approved training venue provided that:
 - (a) the Perth Wildcats relevant person is not displaying **symptoms**; and
 - (b) the Perth Wildcats relevant person travels either alone or with one or more other Perth Wildcats relevant persons by private motor vehicle from their suitable premises 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
 - (c) whilst at the approved training venue the Perth Wildcats relevant person complies with the **approved plan** for the authorised training venue; and
 - (d) at the end of the authorised training activity, the Perth Wildcats relevant person travels either alone or with one or more other Perth Wildcats relevant persons by private motor vehicle from the approved training venue to their suitable premises by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel.
7. Notwithstanding paragraph 6, a Perth Wildcats relevant person may leave the approved training venue to escape an immediate threat to their safety provided that the Perth Wildcats relevant person:
 - (a) goes no further from the approved training venue than is necessary to escape that threat; and
 - (b) returns to the approved training venue as soon as it is safe to do so; and

- (c) if unable to return to the approved training venue within an hour of leaving, telephones the police on 131 444 and informs them that the Perth Wildcats relevant person is subject to a quarantine direction and had to leave the approved training venue.
8. Notwithstanding paragraph 6, a Perth Wildcats relevant person may leave the approved training venue to seek urgent medical treatment at a **hospital** or other treatment facility with one other Perth Wildcats relevant person who is also a **support officer** provided that:
- (a) it is necessary to leave the approved training venue in order for that treatment to be provided; and
 - (b) prior to leaving the approved training venue (if it is practicable to do so), the Perth Wildcats relevant person or the support officer 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 Perth Wildcats relevant person and the support officer are each subject to a quarantine direction and need to attend the hospital or other treatment facility for urgent medical treatment; and
 - (c) the Perth Wildcats relevant person and the support officer go 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 Perth Wildcats relevant person and the support officer comply 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 Perth Wildcats relevant person and the support officer return to the approved training venue or 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

9. For the purposes of paragraph 18(d) I authorise any **police officer** acting at or above the rank of Inspector to give the approval referred to in that paragraph.

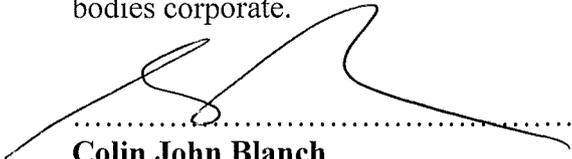
DEFINITIONS

10. **Approved plan** has the same meaning that it has in the NBL (Bendat Basketball Stadium Venue) Directions.
11. **Approved training venue** means the Bendat Basketball Stadium located at 201 Underwood Avenue, Floreat.
12. **Authorised training activity** has the same meaning that it has in the NBL (Bendat Basketball Stadium Venue) Directions.
13. **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.
14. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).
15. **Hospital** has the same meaning that it has in the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).
16. **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.
17. **Participate** means to:
 - (a) undertake or engage in; or
 - (b) organise.
18. **Perth Wildcats relevant person** means:
 - (a) a person who is contracted to play NBL basketball for the team known as the Perth Wildcats in the 2020-21 Hungry Jack's NBL Season; or
 - (b) a person who coaches or trains a relevant person in paragraph (a); or
 - (c) a support officer; or

- (d) any other person approved as a Perth Wildcats relevant person in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.
19. **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.
 20. **Responsible officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
 21. **Self-quarantine period** means the period of self-quarantine required under the Queensland Outbreak Response Directions and the self-quarantine requirements.
 22. **Self-quarantine requirements** has the meaning given in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
 23. **Suitable premises** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
 24. **Support officer** means a person who is appropriately trained and qualified to provide support to a Perth Wildcats relevant person described in paragraph 18(a) or 18(b) and includes, for the avoidance of doubt, medical personnel engaged for the Perth Wildcats.
 25. **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.

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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Colin John Blanch

Acting Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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