

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

### Sections 67, 71 and 72A

## WAIS WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TRAINING AND VENUE 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, 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 Wheelchair basketball relevant persons** consistent with limiting the spread of COVID-19.

### CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **WAIS Wheelchair Basketball Training and Venue Directions**.

### COMMENCEMENT

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

### OPERATION

4. These directions apply despite the Closure and Restriction (Limit the Spread) Directions (No 13) or any further directions that I give that replace those directions, and to the extent of any inconsistency between them, these directions prevail.
5. For the avoidance of doubt, these directions apply in addition to the Safe Transition for Western Australia Directions or any further directions that I give that replace those directions.

6. For the avoidance of doubt these directions are not intended to limit in any way the holding of a gathering, the carrying out of an activity or the opening of a venue in any manner that can lawfully be done under the Closure and Restriction (Limit the Spread) Directions (No 13), or the Safe Transition for Western Australia Directions, or any further directions that I give that replace those directions.
7. The **WAIS Wheelchair Basketball further direction** is revoked.
8. A WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person must comply with the **self-quarantine requirements** except to the extent that those requirements are modified by these directions.

## **DIRECTIONS**

### **Authorised training activity**

9. Notwithstanding the self-quarantine requirements, a WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person:
  - (a) may leave the **suitable premises** between 5:30 am and 9:30 am on 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16 February 2021 to **participate** in an **authorised training activity** between 6:30 am and 8:30 am at the **approved training venue** provided that:
    - (i) the WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person is not displaying **symptoms**; and
    - (ii) the WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person travels either alone or with one or more other WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant persons by private motor vehicle from the 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 or to collect a WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person from suitable premises; and
    - (iii) whilst at the approved training venue the WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person complies with the **approved plan**; and
    - (iv) at the end of the authorised training activity, the WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person travels either alone or with one or more other WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant persons by private motor vehicle

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 WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person to suitable premises; and

- (v) when travelling, the WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person must wear a face mask if available and practicable,

and

- (b) must take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5 metres away from any other person, except in circumstances where the WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person is participating in an authorised training activity or travelling between the suitable premises and the approved training venue in accordance with paragraph 9(a).

#### **WAIS to ensure compliance with an approved plan**

10. The **WAIS** must take all reasonable steps to ensure that an approved plan is complied with.

#### **Approved Training Venue**

11. While a WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person is present at the approved training venue, the owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of the venue:
  - (a) must not allow, and must take all reasonable steps to prevent, any person entering the venue, unless that person:
    - (i) is a WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person participating in an authorised training activity at the venue; or
    - (ii) enters the venue in accordance with the approved plan for the venue; or
    - (iii) is required to enter the venue for the purpose of providing or facilitating the provision of urgent medical treatment to a person at the venue; or
    - (iv) is required to enter the venue for the purpose of performing critical maintenance at the venue; or
    - (v) is an authorised officer; or
    - (vi) is otherwise approved in accordance with paragraph 12(b); and

- (b) must comply with the approved plan for the approved training venue; and
  - (c) 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 approved plan for the approved training venue.
12. While a WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person is present at an approved training venue, a person must not enter the venue unless that person is:
- (a) a person falling within a category of persons referred to in sub-paragraph 11(a)(i) to (v); or
  - (b) a person otherwise 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.

#### **AUTHORISATION**

13. For the purposes of paragraphs 12(b) and 14, I authorise any police officer acting at or above the rank of Inspector to give the approval referred to in those paragraphs.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

14. **Approved plan** means a plan approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose for the operation of the approved training venue.
15. **Approved training venue** means that part of HBF Stadium located at Mount Claremont that consists of the area marked "quarantine exclusion zone" in the map at Annexure A of the document titled "Venue Arena Two HBF Stadium 100 Stephenson Ave Mount Claremont WA 6010 Plan current as at 28 January 2021".
16. **Authorised officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.

*Note: at the time of giving these directions, all police officers are authorised officers.*

17. **Authorised training activity** means training and related exercise and physical conditioning undertaken in connection with playing or preparing to play wheelchair basketball in the Olympics, including:
- (a) individual training, group or full squad training, drills or exercises; and

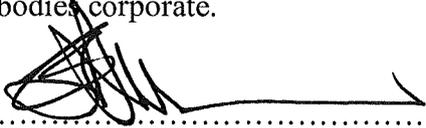
- (b) any activity that is reasonably necessary or incidental to the training programme of an Olympics wheelchair basketball player, including, for the avoidance of doubt, physiotherapy, sports medicine or meetings.
- 18. **Participate** means to:
  - (a) undertake or engage in; or
  - (b) organise; or
  - (c) attend.
- 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. **Self-quarantine requirements** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
- 21. **Suitable Premises** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
- 22. **Support officer** means a person who is appropriately trained and qualified to provide support to a relevant person described in paragraph 26(a) or (b) and includes, for the avoidance of doubt, medical personnel engaged by the WAIS.
- 23. **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.
- 24. **WAIS** means the Western Australian Institute of Sport.
- 25. **WAIS Wheelchair Basketball further direction** means the direction titled 'Further Direction by Authorised Officer, Acting Inspector Robyn GREENE Modified Self-Quarantine Direction Issued by email on 8 February 2021 to WAIS Wheelchair Basketball Players under self-quarantine after returning from a Restricted Location, Victoria or New South Wales'.

26. **WAIS Wheelchair basketball relevant person** means:

- (a) a person who is contracted with WAIS in the wheelchair basketball program in 2021 to play wheelchair basketball and participate in Olympic preparation camps and who entered Western Australia on 3 February 2021; or
- (b) a person who coaches or trains a relevant person 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

12 February 2021 1740 hours