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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Advice to Pistol Shooting Queensland Member Clubs

Stage 1 Queensland Government's Roadmap to easing Queensland's COVID – 19 Restrictions

To all members of Pistol Shooting Queensland

Pistol Shooting Queensland and other State Sporting Organisations (including three shooting State Sporting Organisations) were again part of a teleconference with the Queensland Government and the Department of Sport and Recreation yesterday to discuss the impact and the road forward for sport.

Unfortunately, we must advise that the outcome of the meeting is that, as a sport, we will not be able to restart until the Government implements Stage 2, which is planned for 12 June 2020. Therefore, as the below items 1, 2 & 3 are Government rulings, Pistol Shooting Queensland's instruction is that Clubs must abide by the advice below and not allow any club member to shoot on their ranges until the Government's Stage 2 is introduced.

The major outcomes of this meeting were:

1. All organised/approved club sport is not permissible under Stage 1 of the Queensland Government's Roadmap.
2. As recognised sports, all disciplines of shooting (pistol; big bore rifle; small bore rifle; and shotgun) activity are not permissible under Stage 1 of the Queensland Government's Roadmap.
3. Stage 1 information is not open to individual Club interpretation.
4. Stage 1 is intended to get people out and about, but not involved in any organised, sporting club/facility approved activity.... this will happen in Stage 2.
5. All information is guided by Queensland Government; Queensland Health and National Cabinet rulings with the individual jurisdictions making the rules to suit their states.
6. The Government wants to see a gradual easing back into activities and wants the restart into sport to be careful; cautious; controlled and methodical (their words).
7. This process is to reduce the risk but also to monitor each 4 week stage.
8. With a return to sport there is a real concern that breakouts of the virus could happen.... sport is one of the biggest sectors to be dealt with in this process.
9. It was also stated that Queensland Police will be 'out and about' to check that the directive is being followed.

We trust that all PSQ Member Clubs will abide by the above Government direction to ensure that we are all on a safe and controlled pathway back into our sport, albeit in a limited way, come Stage 2 on 12 June. Also to ensure that the club or members do not jeopardise their insurance cover or receive any government imposed fines.

We continue to participate in ongoing conferences with Government and as soon as something changes you will be advised.

Yours faithfully



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