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AAGPS SPORTS UPDATE

On Tuesday 18 August 2020, AAGPS Chairman, Mr Mark Ticehurst announced that all AAGPS 2020 winter sport competitions and fixtures were suspended immediately. This decision was taken in response to advice from NSW Health published on 14 August 2020.

The AAGPS notes some media reports about different opinions and possibilities for a return of GPS winter sports. GPS winter sports are school-based rather than community-based competitions. This means that our reference point is advice provided by NSW Health for minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission in school communities. This advice differs to advice for community-based sport.

The AAGPS wants to be clear that above all, it will follow the advice of NSW Health and other relevant authorities in this matter and will always act in the best interests of the health and wellbeing of students and staff.

Within these parameters, the AAGPS will continue discussions with the relevant authorities and consider a return to a modified schedule of winter sport if it is approved and COVID-safe. We are working productively with government and health authorities.

The response to the pandemic has required all parts of society to adjust as new information comes to hand. The GPS is no different. The AAGPS will continue to monitor and act accordingly throughout the remainder of 2020.

The AAGPS will make further statements as and when the situation changes but will not make comment outside of these statements at this point in time.