



The Picola and District “Sungold” Football Netball League board met on Tuesday 2nd June, 2020, to discuss the various options available for the balance of the 2020 Football and Netball season and to provide clubs with a road map going forward.

The PDFNL is very conscious of the key role that football and netball plays in the physical and mental health and well-being of our local communities and we have been working closely with AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria as we endeavour to return players to the field and court for the season.

As a result of these discussions the PDFNL is aiming for a season start on July 11th 2020, with a 13 round draw, top 8 and 4 week final series.

This decision follows consideration of club feedback, Federal and State Government advice and consultation with AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria, all of whom have expressed continued support and encouragement for community sport to recommence.

AFL Victorian and Netball Victoria strongly support our efforts to re-engage our clubs and members of our local communities.

Over the coming weeks we will continue to work collaboratively with our clubs, AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria, Local Councils, State and Federal governments and relevant health officials as we step through any concerns they may have as well as the necessary processes to re-connect our communities by returning to play.

We would emphasize that the PDFNL will not be running ahead of advice from health officials in our efforts to return to play. We will continue to monitor updates to health guidelines and government regulations with the continued easing of restrictions to ensure compliance with their requirements and operating in the best interests of our clubs and members.

The current landscape means that we operate in an ever-changing environment and there will no doubt be challenges that will present in both the short and long term. However, the PDFNL remains confident that by setting a proposed starting date, that clubs will now be able to move forward and we can all return to enjoying the benefits of reconnecting within the football and netball community environment.

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