

SANFLUA Statement – COVID-19

To our Members and Life Members,

What an extraordinary way to kick off the year. Everyday life has changed dramatically for us all and will continue to over the course of the next couple of months, maybe more. What I do know, is that we are a resilient group of people. We will come through the other side of this situation stronger and better than before. Not to mention fitter given our pre-season has been extended!

It's important your SANFLUA Committee keep you informed on any new information and changes that might occur, particularly within SANFLUA. As a result of the ever-changing landscape, we will be postponing Monday's AGM until further notice. The Annual Report is nearing completion, and this will be distributed to you all. We will provide further information once we have it.

Until we've had our AGM, your SANFLUA Committee will be the same as 2019.

Membership for 2020 is going to look a little different. As a committee, we are currently brainstorming how our Membership offer will look. Again, once this is finalised, we will provide all the information you need to jump on board your association in 2020.

Social events are also on hold. If a 2020 SANFL Season starts, it is our endeavour to have social events. How these will look, is yet to be determined, however your SANFLUA Committee are working through the pros and cons of what a Social Events Calendar might look like in 2020.

We are as disappointed as anyone that our Football Season has been interrupted. Not since the 1916 to 1919 seasons, where matches were abandoned as a result of the First World War, have we seen such upheaval. We are in unfamiliar territory. However, we cannot stress enough how important it is to ensure you all keep safe and importantly, we keep those that are most vulnerable to COVID-19, extremely safe.

If you have any concerns about where we sit currently as an isolated group, please do not hesitate to contact me on the below details. Every communication I receive is treated in the strictest confidence.

Similarly, if any of you have thoughts or ideas on what SANFLUA might look like this year, please make contact. No idea is a silly idea. We are here for and because of, each one of you.

As the President, I will be kept informed of any changes and will ensure that all relevant information is passed on to you.

For now, keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy. We will be back in touch with further information soon.

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