



**TO: LAVic Centres & Regions**

**FROM: Anthony McIntosh - Chief Executive Officer**

**DATE: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020**

**SUBJECT: Extension of AFL season**

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AFL Victoria and Cricket Victoria today jointly announced an extension of the AFL football season until the 18<sup>th</sup> October, and subsequent delay of the commencement of cricket season.

Centres that share their facilities – tracks, pavilions, storage sheds etc - with AFL and cricket clubs would be well advised to ensure their facility access arrangements in the lead up to, and during the 20/21 season, are not altered without their knowledge or consent, formally or informally.

Further, many Little Athletes also play Australian Rules Football with their local clubs, and as such, we would expect some of those athletes may delay their registration and season commencement dates with the Centre by some weeks.

To this end, LAVic recommends Centres that share their facilities with AFL and cricket clubs take the following actions:

- Contact the facility manager (typically the Local Government Organisation, committee of management, consolidated sporting group etc) to confirm and clarify user group agreements in place and associated conditions of use;
- Contact the co-tenant AFL and cricket clubs to advise of the Little Athletics Centre's proposed weekly usage schedule and requirements;
- Communicate with member families in the lead up to 20/21 to encourage their early registration.

If Centres require advice or assistance in dealing with user groups or facility managers on this matter, please get in contact with the LAVic office on (03) 8646 4510, or office @lavic.com.au.

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