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## **STATEMENT**

Thursday 16 July 2020, 11:00am

## **TERM 3 QGSSSA WINTER FIXTURES OPERATIONS UPDATE**

QGSSSA welcomes the much anticipated first steps towards a return to sport for its member schools and students this term.

Hockey, Netball, Tennis and Volleyball fixtures will commence as planned for all ten member schools across the South East on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

The patience of girls throughout the term 1 and 2 hiatus will be rewarded with much excitement back in the sporting arena as the Association follows a cautious route to ensure the best interests and safety of all girls is the priority.

Following careful planning in line with the Queensland Government's Return to Play industry plans, the recommended staged approach to the resumption of Association sport focusses on the most important element of 'QG' sport: the girls.

With the four winter fixture sports to commence across 40 different venues, the Association's initial phase will see 320 teams and associated officials and staff commence competition in their new COVID Safe environments.

The QGSSSA Board look forward to welcoming back spectators at QG sport in the future, and while no spectators will be permitted over the first two weekends of fixtures, contact tracing and physical distancing procedures are being developed for each venue as the community adjusts to the 'new normal'.

This decision will be reviewed inline with the CHO and Queensland Government direction and an update provided as the Association adjusts to the fluid nature of managing sport in the COVID-19 environment.