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**RE:** Return to Play Rugby League Ipswich  
**TO:** Rugby League Ipswich Clubs, Players, Parents and Community.  
**FOR:** URGENT DISTRIBUTION

The Rugby League Ipswich (RLI) Board has made the following decision for the 2020 season:

*Under current government restrictions and based on club feedback, the decision is to regretfully cancel the 2020 season for junior and senior competitions. However, RLI will be monitoring any further announcements from the QLD Government & the QRL.*

The three major factors taken into consideration were:

- Lack of volunteer numbers
- Risk to volunteers (health and retention)
- Financial risks

The decision has been made after significant consultation with all Senior and Junior clubs in the RLI area of responsibility.

The clear majority of clubs selected not to play in 2020 after considering the State Government restrictions and the guidelines in the QRL Return to Play Handbook.

A FAQ document will be presented on the RLI website ([www.rugbyleagueipswich.com](http://www.rugbyleagueipswich.com)) once we receive final confirmation regarding RLI refunds to clubs, Club refunds to parents/players and insurance, etc.

The QRL is still working with the Field Sports Industry Group with the immediate focus on easing the current restrictions in stage 3 and exploring all other support options. To this end RLI is not closing the door completely on 2020. If possible, later in the year some forms of rugby league may be able to be scheduled to continue then RLI will explore this. It is RLI's responsibility to ensure the prospering of Rugby League in the wider community.

This will depend on any current restrictions being relaxed by the Government to enable carnivals or gala days to be planned and clubs working together with the RLI to establish these events.

Keep watching the RLI website for any developments.

Regards,

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