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Dear Club Secretary

## **Re: Return to Sport – 1st July 2020**

We have received notification that all community sport will resume on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

We take this to mean that “all” means even what NSW Health regards as an indoor range, is able to operate.

We are still waiting for a new Public Health Order that will replace the one of 29/May/2020, and when that is released, we shall review our guidelines to the clubs.

Pat Zeppieri (Assistant Operations Manager) from the office personally spoke to Steve Loader, CEO of Sport NSW, and he confirmed that we are still operating under the current Health Orders that were issued on 29/5/2020.

This means that there is to be no coaching.

To conduct the induction of P650 shooters (Try Shooting), involves close and direct personal supervision (one on one), and we believe that coaching and giving close direct supervision would be interpreted as coaching, therefore until the release of a replacement Health Order, NO P650 inductions are to be carried out.

All the work done by the NSWAPA, putting in multiple submissions, emails to senior bureaucrats with Sports NSW and other senior bureaucrats and senior staff of the Sports Minister has all been in vain.

Pat, (from the office), has attended weekly video conference calls with the Sports and Health Ministers, along with other senior bureaucrats from Sport NSW.

On 5 June 2020, the NSW Office of Sport issued a media release stating that the Sydney International Shooting Centre (SISC) – officially an indoor range, was re-opening of 13 June. This unfortunately misled many of our people to believe that indoor ranges would be permitted to open on 13 June, when in fact, we are still operating under the Health Orders of 29/5/2020.

Although it is not our fault, we apologise for the confusion caused from the mixed media communication.

The way the system appears to work is, politicians make verbal press releases and interviews, then lagging far behind, the bureaucracy produces documents that provide the detail of what is to occur. In the meantime, us at the coal face have no clue what is going on, and have no room for appeal of their ridiculous decisions and interpretations.

You may have already developed plans and protocols for the resumption of activities. Clubs are encouraged to check the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plans to ensure key considerations are addressed in your plans and protocols.

It is also important that clubs have signs and posters around the facility to remind workers, members, visitors and others of the risks of COVID-19 and the measures to stop it's spread.

Links are provided for your reference and guidance:

- [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#)
  - Wellbeing of Staff and Visitors
  - Physical distancing
  - Hygiene and Cleaning
  - Record Keeping
- [Signage and Posters](#)

Thank you for your patience during this time.

Yours in shooting



**Brian Cheers**

President – NSW Amateur Pistol Association