COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION CLUBS SURVEY 2020: COVID Response

2020 snapshot

JANUARY 2020 First confirmed case of COVID-19 in QLD
 MARCH 2020 Restrictions for Active Industry begin
 JUNE 2020 Easing of restrictions for Active Industry
 AUGUST 2020 Initial survey released
 QUEENSLAND RETURN TO PLAY responses roll out to support industry to restart activities safely

Survey results

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clubs across

sport and recreation activities responded to the survey.

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Over 70% of respondents reported their clubs had **completely ceased activities** due to restrictions.

More than ¹/₂ of clubs surveyed reported a decrease of 10–50% in registrations compared to the previous year.

Main reasons for the decrease in registrations were:



financial impacts



concerns regarding health, safety and hygiene.



Extra hygiene supplies/resources/ cleaning costs were identified as the most common additional cost for clubs due to COVID-19.



25% of clubs reported that they
started using online engagement
during COVID-19, and a further
45% of clubs reported
increasing their online engagement.

69% of clubs indicated they would **continue to use online platforms** at the same level or more.

Return to play

Barriers to resuming activities:

Training in online or digital engagement 16% Member subsidies 26% Additional volunteer resources 34% Training in hygiene to manage COVID-19 42% Funding/finance 73%

> Not applicable 9% Other 5%

Our actions

The Queensland Government continues to use the survey insights to support the Queensland sport and active recreation sector. We introduced a COVID SAFE Restart Plan to assist the industry during and after the pandemic.

This included funding for athletes, state level organisations and local clubs, free rent across our state run venues, as well as the development of Industry Plans to support the entire active industry "return to play".

Next steps

The Queensland Government is committed to getting the industry back on track. We need to evaluate how the industry is coping with the "new normal". The Active Industry is asked to participate in our follow-up survey in March 2021. We need your input to guide the development of our future industry package as part of the Activate! Queensland Strategy.

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