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COVID 19 (Novel Coronavirus)

Potential Easing of Restrictions for Face to Face Meetings and Squadron Parades.

1.0 This Standing Order Compliments FSO 02/2020

- 1.1 This Federal Standing Order compliments FSO 02/2020 titled "COVID 19 (Novel Coronavirus) - All Australian Air League Face to Face Activities Suspended as of 0001 hrs 23 March 2020".
- 1.2 Units should note that face to face activities remain suspended, and the provisions as laid out in FSO 02/2020 will remain in force until otherwise advised by their respective Groups.
- 1.3 It is expected that restrictions on meetings will be eased at different rates in each State/Territory, and as such each Group will likely return to face to face meetings and squadron parades at different times.

2.0 Three Stage Process for Return to Face to Face Activities

- 2.1 The Australian Air League (AAL) will take a step by step approach to allowing face-to-face contact for meetings and squadron parades, whilst maintaining social distancing, to occur. The steps to resume this contact will occur on a Group by Group basis. Where a Group covers more than one state or territory (for example, NSW Group) the process may differ for each state or territory under the Group's control.
- 2.2 The League will be issuing a document indicating requirements to guide Groups as to the minimum standards for operation and this will be available from Groups for squadrons when face to face operations can commence.
- 2.3 Individual squadrons will only be allowed to re-open when they have met the minimum standards. This will likely mean that some squadrons are able to open before others.
- 2.4 Some of these stages may either occur close to each other, or concurrently as restrictions may be eased quickly.
- 2.5 Note that these stages will not include other types of activities as listed in 3.1.
- 2.6 The three stages for resumption of meetings and squadron parades in the AAL are as follows:

- 2.6.1 **Stage 1:** Allowing some face to face meetings whilst maintaining social distancing (not squadron parades) in strictly controlled circumstances. For example, Officer Staff meetings, NCO meetings, Group/Wing Councils, Group Headquarters' operations, Quartermaster stores and Squadron Branch meetings (including Squadron AGMs).
- 2.6.2 **Stage 2:** Allowing face-to-face squadron parades whilst maintaining social distancing, in strictly controlled circumstances.
- 2.6.3 **Stage 3:** Allowing face-to-face squadron parades without restriction.
- 2.7 Stages 1 and 2 will only come into effect when the relevant state/territory allows community groups such as the AAL to have people meet indoors with relevant social distancing, hygiene and contact tracing enablers.
- 2.8 Stage 3 will only come into effect when all relevant state/territory restrictions have been relaxed to point Squadron parades can be held without restriction.
- 2.9 The Group Executive Commissioner (GExC) will determine when the proposed relaxation for each stage is strictly within the guidelines of the relevant state/territory as at the proposed start date.
- 2.10 On advice of the relevant GExC, the Chief Commissioner will give approval for the Group to operate in each stage, from the proposed start date.

3.0 Other Activities

- 3.1 Other activities include the following examples:
- Extracurricular squadron activities such as excursions, community engagement, camps, etc,
 - Wing/Group Parades and Reviews,
 - Wing/Group Camps,
 - Flight training,
 - Other large activities not confined to squadrons.
- 3.2 The activities listed in 3.1 will only be allowed when the relevant state/territory allows community groups such as the AAL to conduct these activities within the state/territory guidelines as they stand at the time.
- 3.3 The GExC will determine when the proposed relaxation is strictly within the guidelines of the relevant state/territory as at the proposed start date.
- 3.4 On advice of the relevant GExC, the Chief Commissioner will give approval for the Group to operate these activities, from the proposed start date.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 All units are reminded that their face to face activities remain suspended until such time as advised by their Group, and they are able to comply with the directives of their Group.
- 4.2 In the meantime, units are encouraged to continue with their virtual interactions with their members.



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Chief Commissioner
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