AJL Coordinators,

Another important update. With a realist-based approach looking at Melbourne’s current restrictions, and a focus to give associations time to make adjustments to teams as necessary as we (hopefully) emerge from lockdown in a state of better public health, we moving the planned start date of the AJL season back to **11 October**.

This is just after school holidays, and is the weekend after the Pat Pearce Cup, attended by four associations. It ensures the season will not be disjointed by a two or three week school holiday break, and won’t be rushed back after restrictions potentially are eased. The season will still be seven or eight weeks, and will run into December. We will look for your feedback soon around the differences in season length.

The new registration deadline will be **15 September**, just before school holidays.

I hope you look at this update as a positive one, as it should give peace of mind to more players and parents that we will be starting the season in a position of safety, which is our intent. Please let me know if you have any questions, thanks everyone!

Tyler