

# Directions from Acting Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from declared state of emergency

## Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 23)

*Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (Vic)*

Section 200

I, Professor Benjamin Cowie, Acting Chief Health Officer, consider it reasonably necessary to eliminate or reduce the risk to public health — and reasonably necessary to protect public health — to give the following directions pursuant to section 200(1)(b) and (d) of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (Vic) (PHW Act)**:

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*Permitted operations - physical recreational facilities*

- (1) A person who owns, controls or operates a **physical recreational facility** in the State of Victoria may operate that facility during the restricted activity period only for the purposes of:
  - (a) the exclusive use of training for **professional or high-performance sports persons** provided that only persons who are necessary for the conduct of the training are permitted to attend the facility;
  - (b) operating that facility if it is necessary for an Authorised Worker to perform work that is authorised at that site with only the minimum number of persons necessary in attendance onsite and where the purpose of their attendance is for professional sport;
  - (c) conducting a professional sporting event that has been approved to proceed with no spectators by the Chief Health Officer through the **Public Event Framework**;
  - (d) for the provision of hydrotherapy services specified in clause 7(3);
  - (e) essential maintenance of the facility for its use for one of the purposes in subclauses in (a), (b) or (c) above.

(42) **professional or high-performance sports person** means an individual who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) perform a sporting activity in an open-aged national or international competition (at the highest level as identified by the recognised national body); or
- (b) employed to perform a sporting activity as their primary source of income (e.g. employed by a professional club or recognised national body); or
- (c) a National Institute Network Scholarship holder or equivalent level national categorised athlete;