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General guidance

Only individual sporting activities
Contact sports that require physical contact between players are prohibited, for example football matches. Only individual sporting activities are allowed, such as jogging/running, swimming, and cycling.

Avoid physical contact
Close interaction with other people should be avoided, such as shaking hands, hugging or kissing at all times. Do not share clothes, towels, soap or any other personal items. Face masks should be worn at all times except during the sporting activity itself.

Open outdoor sporting activities
All activations during National Sport Day are prohibited. And all sporting activities must be conducted entirely in outdoor settings and individually and indoor activities are entirely prohibited.

4 passengers only in the car
In case the use of vehicles is required to reach the activities locations, the number of passengers should not exceed 4 persons in each car, including the driver.

Safe distance (3 meters)
A safe distance of at least 3 meters must be strictly maintained at all times during the sports activity.

60 years age and older precautions
Vulnerable and high-risk groups including people aged 60 years and older and people with chronic illnesses should be discouraged from attending the activities for their own safety.

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Ahly manager Mosimane praises Qatar's organisation of Club World Cup

By Sahan Bidappa

Tigres UANL beat Palmeiras 1-0 to become the first Concacaf side to reach the final of the FIFA Club World Cup.

Tigers UANL's Andre-Pierre Gignac celebrates with teammates Jover Aquino (centre) and Carlos Gonzalez after scoring a goal against Palmeiras in the FIFA Club World Cup semi-final at Education City Stadium yesterday (AFP)

PREVIEW BAYERN MUNICH VS AL AHLY, 8PM

With a record-equalling sixth title in their sight, Bayern Munich are no short of motivation as they face Afri- can champions, a European club has gone on to win the title once before in the same format. In 2013, Bayern Munich hosted the FIFA Club World Cup, and the German champions beat Al Ahly, who defeated hosts Al Duhail SC – the Qatari capital via Munich.

Bayern Munich stars Robert Lewandowski (left) and Joshua Kimmich train in Doha yesterday. (Reuters)

Bayern Munich coach Hansi Flick and his Al Ahly counterpart Pitso Mosimane exchange pleasantries after the press conference yesterday

Favourites Bayern go up against spirited Ahly

Ahly, who defeated hosts Al Duhail 1-0 on Thursday, are on a 15-match unbeaten streak in all competitions. But the Egyptians will have to be on their guard against Bayern, who are on a five-match winning streak, with their lat- est victory in the尴尬 of their opening game against Al Duhail SC in the FIFA Club World Cup semi-final. "Sure, it's an important and histor- ical game, but I don't think it will be the most important game in Al Ahly history," he added.
The Al Duhail clinched their third Club World Cup title in a row on Saturday, as they defeated South Korean side Ulsan Hyundai in the final. Al Duhail, who beat Qatar’s Xavi Al Sadd by 13 points after 15 matchdays, sealed their place in the final with a 2-1 victory over Iranian giants Persepolis.

Al Duhail coach Sabri Lamouchi said: “We know we’re playing against the best teams in the world. We have to be focused. We have to show our best skills, give our best football and want to win. We have to push from the first minute. We have to show our best football.”

Al Duhail goalkeeper Milos Dabrowski conceded the first goal of the match. Al Duhail coach Sabri Lamouchi.
PREMIER LEAGUE

Four-goal Man City crush Liverpool, Kane stars for Tottenham

Manchester City’s 2-0 victory against West Brom was a statement of intent triggered by one of the best strikes of the season, according to City’s manager Pep Guardiola, who hailed his side’s performance in the first half as one of the best in the Premier League this season.

Guardiola was full of praise for his team after the 2-0 win that took City to the top of the table for the first time this season.

He said: “We have won the game and we have done it in a very good way. The game was very tough and we had to work very hard to get the three points.

“First half was very good, we played really well and we dominated the game. The second half was also very good, we scored early and then we controlled the game and we did not allow West Brom to create any chances.

“We have to keep this performance and continue to work hard because we have a very tough schedule coming up.”

City took the lead after just 17 minutes when Man City’s Raheem Sterling headed in a cross from Riyad Mahrez.

And City doubled their lead just before halftime when John Stones headed in a cross from Kyle Walker-Peters.

Tottenham also had a good first half, with Harry Kane scoring a hat-trick against Sheffield United.

But City’s first goal was enough to secure all three points for Guardiola’s side, who are now two points clear of Manchester United in second place.

The win was City’s fourth in a row in all competitions and saw them move level on points with Liverpool, who lost 2-0 at home to West Brom.

Guardiola said: “This is a very important win for us. We have been playing very well in recent weeks and we wanted to keep this momentum going.

“West Brom are a very good team and they gave us a tough game. But we were able to control the game and we were very disciplined in our defensive work.

“We are now level on points with Liverpool and we hope to keep this momentum going in the coming weeks.”

Manchester City’s victory means they have won all four of their opening Premier League games this season, while Tottenham’s win against Sheffield United moves them up to second place in the table.

SOKOLSRUES RUER MAN U’S POOR DEFENDING

Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer’s side are struggling to find their rhythm and defending has been a problem for the team this season.

Solskjaer’s side have conceded 12 goals in their first six Premier League games, which is more than any other team in the top four.

Solskjaer said: “We have to improve our defending and we have to be more solid in our defensive play.

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Southampton’s 3-1 victory against West Brom was a statement of intent triggered by one of the best strikes of the season, according to Southampton’s manager Ralph Hasenhüttl, who hailed his side’s performance in the first half as one of the best in the Premier League this season.

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Southampton took the lead after just 17 minutes when Southampton’s James Ward-Prowse headed in a cross from Ryan Bertrand.

And Southampton doubled their lead just before halftime when Southampton’s Jay Rodriguez headed in a cross from Oriol Romeu.

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LIVERPOOL’S CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MATCH AGAINST LEIPZIG MOVES TO BUDAPEST

Liverpool’s Champions League match against Leipzig has been moved to Budapest due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The match was originally scheduled for Anfield but has now been relocated to the Puskás Aréna in Budapest.

The move is in line with UEFA’s guidelines to limit the number of fans in attendance at European club games.

UEFA has advised clubs to limit the number of fans to no more than 20% of the stadium’s capacity.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said: “We are very disappointed that the match has been moved.

“But we respect UEFA’s decision and we will do everything we can to ensure the safety of the fans who will be allowed to attend.”

The match will take place on Wednesday, February 24, with kick-off at 7.45pm GMT.
Johnson ‘excited’ for season after Saudi win

‘I was very pleased with the way I was swinging the club. I felt like I really controlled the golf ball well in some windy conditions. I drove it well’

Johnson dominated the winner’s trophy after the final round of the Saudi International

Dustin Johnson with the winners trophy after the final round of the Saudi International

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The tournament has underlined the complexity of organising events during the pandemic.

Barty unfazed by Aussie expectations

One thing has not changed. Barty remains excited, well prepared and ready to prove herself in the Open.

CONCERN

Medvedev fights Russia past Italy for ATP Cup victory

Until Medvedev extended Russia’s unbeaten run over Italy to 4-1 on Sunday, Russia still needed to win five of the seven singles matches, while Italy needed three, to take the competition to a deciding doubles match.

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Barty's father is Aboriginal. "It's going to be an interesting match for sure against Denis. He is a very good player and it's going to be a tough one," she said. Barty is fresh and ready to prove herself in the Open.

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India find the prospect of having to follow on and losing the Test against Bangladesh an unpromising one, after their Dom Bess ripped the heart out of their batting to leave them at 257–8 at the close of day three of the opening Test in Chittagong yesterday.

After Bess had claimed a wicket, courtesy of a direct hit, Bangladesh began to look menacing. Four wickets fell on the same over, with none of the batsmen scoring a single. The tailenders were left with the embarrassing task of batting for 97 balls, including another 122 minutes to avoid having to bat again if England enforce the follow-on.

"I think the most important thing is coming back, finding out their first innings and seeing where they are at that point," Bess said, claiming 4–11. "Their middle order are very capable of getting those two who can certainly bat, but we got ourselves into a good position." Earlier, England’s tail added 13 runs to their overnight score of 29–8. On a track that offered little carry and assistance to the spinners, Bess followed it up with an even better catch, throwing Pant at long off for single to complete the wicket.

The spinner drew India’s captain back on his front foot, and there was no escape for the captain as he could only watch the ball from a distance. Pant smashed five sixes in his belligerent 59 but had very little help from the rest of the batting line-up as the visitors were bowled out for 258 in their second innings, profiting from a number of dropped chances by the bowlers.

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Healthcare protocol and public health measures

1. All activities, training and preparation are conducted in outdoor settings and individually. Indoors settings are prohibited.

2. Close interaction with other people including shaking hands, hugging is not allowed and a safe distance of 1.5 m at least must be strictly maintained during training all the time.

3. Close interaction with other people should be avoided before starting and after finishing sporting activities and a safe distance must be maintained at all times.

4. Good hygiene not share clothing, towels, soap or other personal items.

5. It is preferable not to eat while exercising or during sports activities.

6. Vulnerable and high-risk groups including people aged 60 years and older and people with chronic illnesses should be discouraged from attending the activities for their own safety.

7. Contact and competitiveness sports that requires physical contact between players are prohibited for example football matches.

To download the healthcare protocol and public health measures visit the Ministry of Culture and Sports: www.mca.gov.qa