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2020 Pacific Rim Championships Postponed

The Gymnastics New Zealand (Gymnastics NZ) Board of Directors held an emergency meeting last night to address the evolving Covid-19 landscape in regards to the 2020 Pacific Rim Gymnastics Championships, scheduled to be held in Tauranga, 17 – 19 April. While disappointing, it is the Board's view that the correct decision is to postpone the event.

This decision was influenced by the following considerations:

- The welfare of the athletes and other delegation members
- High levels of uncertainty about travel restrictions
- NZ immigration requirement for anyone entering NZ to self-isolate for 14 days
- Recently announced Government restrictions on gatherings of over 500 people
- Attending Federations ability to make their own planning decisions

With this in mind Gymnastics NZ along with key stakeholders including PANGF, FIG and key event suppliers is determining the most viable timing of a rescheduled Pacific Rim event. Subject to confirming event delivery requirements, our recommendation to the PANGF Executive Committee will be that the event is rescheduled to April/May 2021.

The Oceania Continental Championships (Olympic qualifying event) for Artistic, Trampoline and Rhythmic Gymnastics has also been postponed. Alternative processes for determining the continental qualification spots are being considered, though we are aware that this is a very fluid landscape within a limited qualification time line. More information will be circulated once available from the FIG and IOC.

There are many discussions that will take place over the next few days to inform key stakeholders, delegations, funders, suppliers, our community and of course ticket holders. As these discussions are had, we will notify relevant parties of any subsequent detail that results. We are all disappointed that this unfortunate but necessary decision has been made. We are confident that a rescheduled Pacific Rim event will deliver a fantastic opportunity for the gymnastics community to come together and celebrate all that is great about our sport.

We look forward to you all being a part of this.

Yours in gymnastics,



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Chair of the Board of Gymnastics New Zealand

