

Community Update Summary

The following is a summary of a memo sent directly to Clubs on 17 April highlighting the relevant information for our wider community.

Covid-19 Update

At Alert Level 3, clubs will need to continue to engage with members remotely as many of you are currently doing. This will be followed by a restricted return to activity in the gym at Level 2 and normal activity at Level 1. More information on these levels can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) in a sport context.

We are working on more detailed information and support relating to Level 2 however, this will not be released until further updates from the Government and Sport NZ on May 1.

Clubs have completed a survey which has helped to direct GNZ's focus for supporting them in their return to club-based activity.

Events

2021 NZ Gymnastics Championships

[See the announcement - Friday 24 April](#)

2020 Endorsed and Non-Endorsed Events season

As outlined in the memo released April 9, the events season (endorsed, non-endorsed, GfA and Schools events) is currently on hold and will not be rescheduled at this time. For further clarification - this 'hold' refers to the entire 2020 season and all events from now through to the end of December.

The events team is collaborating with Technical Committee Competition Advisors on a range of scenarios in order to determine the best possible outcome based on athlete and community needs whilst adhering to the Alert level restrictions. The intention is to update the community on the status of the 2020 Endorsed Events season as soon as possible once we have further details from government and Sport NZ.

Clubs have been asked to refrain from setting alternative dates and publicly discussing these arrangements as it is causing unnecessary confusion in the



community. Official communication about the status of the 2020 season, and the events included in that season, will come directly from GNZ.

Pacific Rim Championships

The events team is working to confirm the 2021 Pacific Rim Championships postponement dates and we look forward to sharing the official 2021 date announcement with you soon.

Community Sport

Coach Engagement

As Covid-19 has seen the way coaches operate and engage change in ways we could never have foreseen, we have gathered some ideas to help coaches think about their wellbeing, staying engaged with athletes and other coaches, as well as extending their knowledge and learning during this period. This information has been sent directly to coaches and can be found on Club Portal.

Club Engagement

Through the Relationship Manager Team, GNZ continues to support clubs as they grapple with the challenges Covid-19 has caused. This includes general and individual club support relating to operating during lock-down and the development of guidelines, resources and templates to assist clubs with returning to activity delivery in their facilities.

Education

GNZ Courses – while there are no face-to-face education courses running, the GNZ online courses are still available. These include Coaching Today and Understanding Movement Pre-Course and Elementary Coach Pre-Course. We also encourage coaches to complete any post-course assignments and XTND mentoring sheets and submit these. Please contact education@gymnasticsnz.com if you are unsure whether these have been completed.

Postponement of 2020 Olympic and Code of Points Change – with the postponement of the 2020 Olympics, the code of points change has been postponed by FIG until 2022. We are reviewing the impacts of this and will share more information when it is available.



Virtual engagement - we are considering ways in which we can engage the coaching community during this time, including virtual workshops or other education. If there is something you are interested in, or have any questions in relation to this, please email christine.reed@gymnasticsnz.com.

Tours and Performance

Tours

With the global outbreak of Covid-19, all tours in all codes that were due to happen in the next 6 months have been cancelled. We are working closely with FIG and the Local Organising Committees to find out when, and if, they will be rescheduled and will share updates as they become available. In the meantime, we are working with Technical Committees on how 2021 could look for international tours.

Performance

The following performance related projects are nearing completion as we come to the end of the 4 year Olympic Cycle:

- Retention review into the Senior Squads in each code, looking at how we can better retain our senior international athletes
- High Performance Athlete reviews for all athletes who received HPP funding from GNZ
- Qualification Criteria Review into any changes that are needed to the qualifying criteria for all codes, and an overriding qualification criteria review examining the performances of all codes, on all apparatus, over the 4 year cycle against their top 50% overriding criteria and selection scores.

These projects all form a larger overall High Performance Pathway review which will be completed during this year. Added to that will be a HPP Funding review which has just begun.

