

Community Update Summary

The following is a summary of information which has been sent to clubs over the last few weeks highlighting the relevant information for our wider community.

Covid-19 Update

Gymnastics New Zealand (GNZ) has been providing gymnastics clubs with information, advice and support during lock-down and as clubs prepare to re-open in Alert Level 2.

These resources combine guidance from Sport NZ, Ministry of Health and WorkSafe NZ, as well as gymnastics specific information from NZ and overseas and cover:

- Return to activity – advice for coaches supporting their athletes
- Hygiene and sanitisation
- Managing contact tracing
- Staff & volunteer management
- Physical distancing (in relation to the facility, programmes, staff etc)
- Communication

These resources are available on the GNZ Club Portal. If you do not have access please contact your club administrator.

In addition, GNZ has hosted a Club Forum via Zoom to discuss the return to activity at Alert Level 2 in a gymnastic sport context. Additional forums are planned for clubs (including clubs run by volunteers) next week.

Sport NZ Updates

Sport NZ is regularly updating their information and advice. The latest updates can be found [HERE](#). Sport NZ have also established a [Community Resilience Fund](#) for clubs to access financial support to help remain viable. This is being administered by the Regional Sports Trust network.

2020 Events Season

As outlined in the Club update released April 29, the 2020 Events Season (endorsed, non-endorsed, GfA and School events), as we know it, is cancelled. All Events previously included in the 2020 Endorsed Events calendar are cancelled and will not be rescheduled in their current format.

GNZ are collaborating with Technical Committee Competition Advisors on a range of event scenarios to determine the best outcome for athlete and community needs, whilst adhering to the Alert level restrictions. There is an announcement expected on 25 May regarding numbers at mass gatherings and this will impact on decision making. We will provide an Events update to the community as soon as possible afterwards.





In the meantime, the Technical Committees for Women's and Men's Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics have updated pass requirements and eligibility for placement in levels for the 2021 season.

Memo - 2021 Artistic Qualification requirements [HERE](#).

Memo – 2021 RG Pass marks [HERE](#).

Pacific Rim Championships

We are working to confirm the 2021 Pacific Rim Championships dates and we look forward to sharing the official 2021 date announcement with you once available.

School Events

NZ Secondary School Gymnastics Events

On 23 April, School Sport NZ (Secondary School Sport) announced that the National Calendar of Sanctioned Events will be further suspended until 20 July, the beginning of Term 3. The range of factors that contributed to this decision is outlined in the School Sport NZ press release [HERE](#).

Taking into consideration these factors, and the complexities of hosting national events in Alert Level 1 and 2, a decision has been made to cancel the remaining NZ Secondary School Events that were postponed.

2020 Anchor AIMS Games (Year 7 and 8)

A decision on whether the NZ AIMS Games (5 – 11 September) will go ahead has yet to be made. There is a short statement on the AIMS Games website regarding AIMS Games and the Covid-19 Pandemic. <https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/>.

School GymSport Festivals (Primary and Year 7 and 8)

The cancellation of all gymnastics events by Gymnastics NZ for 2020 includes school festivals. The rationale outlined above by School Sport NZ (link above) is just as relevant to Primary and Intermediate School Events. It may be possible that school festivals could be rescheduled and calendars reviewed for Term 3. We will provide guidance on this once there is more clarity around school operations.

Gymnastics NZ Education

During the Covid-19 lockdown, we have seen coaches continuing with their online education and completing assignments.

Please note, all practical courses scheduled for May and June have now been postponed and will be scheduled later in the year.

The draft Code of Points (CoP) for the next cycle have been released by FIG however, given the change in date of the Olympics, the new CoP will not come into effect until 2022. International judging courses have been delayed for a year. Further information,



including judge revalidation within New Zealand will be provided in upcoming education updates.

