



Association COVID-19 Information Update

Important Update on COVID-19 Alert Levels

Thursday 23 April

Earlier this week we advised our member Associations that we would release further information pertaining to basketball activity during the COVID-19 crisis once this was available from Sport New Zealand (the Crown entity for Sport and Recreation).

We have been advised that Sport New Zealand will now release guidelines for sport and recreation activity for Alert Level 3 on Friday. We will advise details of this relating to basketball on Tuesday 28 April.

Due to the requirement for physical distancing at Level 3 we can advise ahead of the Sport New Zealand update that fundamentally Level 3 will not change the current Level 4 restrictions on basketball. Namely that people should maintain their bubbles and contact activities are not permitted. Basketball will be restricted to individual play at home or within household bubbles.

Sport New Zealand have advised that further information relating to guidelines for sport and recreation at Alert Level 2 will be released on Friday 1 May, ahead of the alert level review on Monday 11 May. This information will be critical to our basketball community to inform us what activity may be possible and guidelines for operating at Level 2. We expect to provide an update on Alert Level 2 on Tuesday 5 May following the Sport New Zealand update.

Sport New Zealand are coordinating across government and other national providers such as School Sport New Zealand to ensure clear and consistent guidelines are developed. They have asked that in the meantime sports do not speculate or develop their own guidelines.

We will continue to advocate on behalf of our members and community for transparent and timely information, guidelines and advice and will keep you informed as soon as updates are available. Our next expected update will be on Tuesday 28 April with government guidelines on Level 3 activity.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

Stay safe, stay strong

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