



## New Zealand Canoe Polo Association Incorporated

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17 March 2020

Re. Coronavirus (COVID 19) National Competitions

To our membership, parents, guardians and supporters,

NZCPA is keeping a close eye on the coronavirus and the implications for the National competition season. I'm sure all of you are aware of the latest update from the prime minister's office yesterday, particularly pertaining to events over 500 people. This has several implications for NZCPA. The first being the decision by the Board of School Sport NZ to suspend all events on its national calendar. This means that "School Nationals" will not be held April 3,4,5. NZCPA Schools Manager has communicated this with our school's membership last night. In the background work will be done on looking at the possibilities around hosting this event later in the year.

National League. The current position we have is that we continue with National League as we are under the government mandated limits (due to the split nature of our leagues), with the following provisos:

- Teams may withdraw from National League rounds up until eight days prior to each round.
- We will set up an online registration system to track people who wish to attend each round as a spectator, guardian or supporter. This will be so that we can ensure we are under the 500-person limit, as well as provide any tracking information and act as a ticketing mechanism. The Competitions Council will work directly with teams and clubs to implement this.
- Teams will be required to notify the competitions manager if their team lists vary for each round.
- The competitions council will investigate in greater depth the potential number of players spectators and support people that will be attending the B&C grade round in Auckland as potentially this will be over the 500-person limit. We may need to either limit extras or split B&C grade up. Updated deadline is 23<sup>rd</sup> March prior to board meeting.
- Competitions council will also prepare for the possibility that we may not be able to hold finals in an indoor venue.
- Players, official and any other attendees who feel unwell should stay away.
- Each round we will continue to put in place protocols around things like not sharing whistles or drink bottles as well as providing hand sanitisers.

As we get further updates from Government and places like Sport NZ we will update our best practices.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Mitchell", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

James Mitchell

Executive Director- NZCPA