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Dear Volleyball New Zealand Community,

Volleyball New Zealand would like to update you on a range of topic related to the impact of Covid-19.

Our Chief Executive, Toni-Maree Carnie has recently had a conference call with Sport New Zealand who have been reassured by the government that Sports organizations are a key consideration for the government currently and that a stimulation package for sport will be available with more information shortly. VNZ will be in contact with Association's once more is known about this package.

Sport New Zealand is working hard to work with funders to support the sports sector at this time. Their leadership and support for all levels of sport is appreciated as we all know the potential for devastation of what we know as the sports sector currently in NZ.

For the meantime, Volleyball New Zealand recommends all volleyball associations and community to suspend volleyball tournaments and leagues, community and competitive, through until April 6<sup>th</sup> as advised by School Sport NZ. We are extremely pleased with the cooperation that we have from all Associations at this difficult time.

The postponement includes camps, development programmes, trials, community competitions and social leagues. We continue to work with Sport New Zealand and School Sport NZ as the health situation is being monitored.

As you may be aware things are changing rapidly due to Covid-19. Due to the uncertainty of the situation, we want to confirm we have made the difficult decision to postpone these upcoming events:

- New Zealand Secondary School Volleyball Championships (30 March – 3 April)
- Aotearoa Invitational and Coaching Conference (22-25 April)
- National Indoor and Beach Team Training Camps and Development Camps

Volleyball NZ are also evaluating the viability of the following programmes and events. At this stage no decision to reschedule has been made, but VNZ will work closely with Associations, Zones and Schools when making any changes and they will be signalled early. Naturally rescheduling will not suit everyone, but we will do our best to manage the range of events that we oversee:

30 May - 1 June - **Provincial Volleyball Champs, Wellington**

June – Sept – **Club Zone League Window**

18 July – 19 July – **University and Tertiary Sport NZ Volleyball Tournament, Christchurch**

30 Sept - 3 Oct - **NZ Club Championships, Auckland**

23 Nov - 26 Nov - **North Island Junior SSVC, Tauranga**

23 Nov - 25 Nov - **South Island Junior SSVC, Invercargill**

27 Nov - **North Island Junior SS Beach VC, Tauranga**

26 Nov - **South Island Junior SS Beach VC, Invercargill**

Regional Training Centre athletes will be communicated to directly and VNZ will run an online programme initially.

In the best interests of you all, we are looking at all possibilities to run events at a later date. We will do our best to inform you as soon as we know more. In the meantime, if you are not a member of VNZ, sign up here: <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/membership> in order to read up to date information regarding volleyball. Please also like the Volleyball New Zealand Facebook page, where all information is frequently updated.

We will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation daily, and we encourage everyone to cooperate with government regulations during this time.

If you have any questions please contact me at [om@volleyballnz.org.nz](mailto:om@volleyballnz.org.nz); 021 – 230- 4862

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