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To Club Secretaries
CC Regions

Advisory No 11

As at 11.59pm on Sunday all New Zealand will be at Alert Level 2 with special conditions applying to Auckland. Where the rest of New Zealand can have gatherings of up to 100, subject to compliance with conditions, Auckland is restricted to gatherings of 10 again subject to compliance with conditions.

The Government in its public announcements is very clear that if you are unwell, have flu like conditions or have Covid-19 like conditions, have a test, stay home.

When we issued our latest Advisory, we were acutely aware that the recent community outbreak is by and large restricted to Auckland. The rest of the country is divorced of any cases. The Government equally knows this but in operating a travel free policy has taken a very cautionary stance. Cautions include a mandate that face covering is mandatory on public transport and should also be worn outside your home, not just on public transport.

Also, the Government recommends that Aucklanders, if travelling outside their region should comply with the rules as if they were still in Auckland, i.e. not gatherings of more than 10 people

The challenge when putting forward an advisory you are trying to cater for all situations and hopefully with universal adherence. We know that is a challenge because as individuals we all have individual thought and will interpret risk differently.

The Government when agreeing to gatherings of 100 (excluding Auckland) have set social distancing and health management rules. Earlier we shared guidelines (hand washing, sanitising, cleaning of facilities, use of cards, etc). Adherence to the rules and our earlier guidelines means club sessions should be able to take part. It is much harder for tournaments when players are not known to each other.

We do not want to single out Aucklanders but when Clubs are accepting entries for tournaments, they need to consider the Governments recommendation that people from Auckland should not partake in gatherings exceeding 10 people. Hopefully, this is for a very short time.

We strongly urge you when advertising club sessions and/or tournaments you outline the precautions you are taking, and you signal whether face masks/coverings are mandatory. Players will then have a choice of entering and playing.

Until we are at Alert Level 1 caution is urged.

Cheers Allan