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To Club Secretaries
CC Regions

Covid 19- Advisory No 15

Hi Everyone

We all know that we cannot resume Club sessions until we are at Alert Level 2. For events with more than 100 participants we need to be at Alert Level 1, this certainly the case for our National Congress scheduled for late September.

The big question is when do we think that might happen?

Earlier today the Government announced an extension of the Level 4 lockdown until Friday 27th at 11.59pm. Auckland however will remain at Level 4 until Tuesday 31st at 11.59pm. The Government will make a further announcement this coming Friday and Monday on any changes to Alert Levels.

This means Clubs will remain closed and any scheduled tournament will be cancelled until such time as we receive clearance.

We have received a number of enquiries about Congress which is scheduled to start on Saturday the 25th of September.

We understand the desire for some certainty, with travel and accommodation in the air. We could adopt a pessimistic position and say the likelihood is remote or be more optimistic and pray that we will be a Level 1, and the event proceeds.

We have decided to reassess the position this time next week, at which point we will issue a further advisory. Whatever happens the latest date we can go to before making a final decision is 13th September.

Many players have already entered Congress. Some have paid and others are waiting until the end of the month to pay. To help we have extended the discount period until the 14th of September. So, if you haven't paid, please hold off. You will still get the discount if we press the green light. If you haven't entered there is still time to enter. We ask that you defer paying the entry fee until we give a green light and ask for payment. You will still get the discount.

It will be most disappointing if we have to cancel Congress for the second year running but we must adopt a safe position to protect players and staff.

Fingers crossed. Stay safe, stay well and care for family and friends.

Cheers Allan