

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2020	STATUS: High
TO: All Gymnastics NZ Clubs	FROM: CEO – Gymnastics NZ
CC: Gymnastics NZ Board	ATT:
RE: Endorsed Events 2020	NOTE:

Endorsed Events

Gymnastics NZ (GNZ) has made the decision today to suspend the Endorsed Event (qualifying and non-qualifying) season until May 1st 2020, with immediate effect. The primary driver of this decision is to make the health and well-being of all those involved in gymnastics including athletes, participants, staff, volunteers and the general public, the top priority. It is also to take a proactive approach in assisting the gymnastics community to join the national efforts of many sporting and recreational activity organisations, in preventing the spread of Covid-19.

GNZ understands that this decision will have far reaching implications within our community, but believe this is the appropriate course of action to take at this moment in time. It gives the community some surety regarding the event landscape in a time where factors impacting on this, are changing daily.

GNZ also appreciates that a number of questions will result from this decision and would answer some of these here:

- Events affected by the suspension period will not be rescheduled at this time.
- The impact of this decision on the qualification process, and the timing of the National Championships will be determined by the GNZ team during the suspension. This will be done in consultation with its key partners in the code specific Technical Committees.
- Once this has been determined, should this afford the opportunity to reschedule any events impacted by the suspension period, the GNZ team will work with event organisers on potential rescheduling opportunities in the wider context of the overall Endorsed Event calendar.
- With regards to general club activities, classes and non-endorsed events held within and outside member clubs, GNZ would recommend that clubs maintain adherence to current advisories and guidelines regarding events and gatherings, issued by the Ministry of Health. These, along with other Covid-19 information, can be found [here](#).

GNZ would thank in advance all those involved in implementing this suspension. We appreciate your support in helping our community navigate a significantly disruptive period in time, that none of us have experienced before.

Regards,

Tony Compier
CEO – Gymnastics NZ

