New Zealand Golf Actions (COVID-19)

Last guidance update: Friday 20 March 2020

Our number one priority at all times is to consider the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, golf participants and the wider community.

With that in mind, and taking the guidance received from the Ministry of Health and Sport New Zealand, there are a number of steps the New Zealand Golf business is taking effective immediately.

1. All New Zealand Golf events, conferences and functions are being cancelled or postponed through until at least 10 May 2020.
2. Attendance at international events has been cancelled for the foreseeable future.
3. A stop on all international travel is in place and all non-essential domestic travel has been cancelled.
4. Our remote office working plans have been updated and a trial of closing the New Zealand Golf office and having all staff work remotely is being undertaken.

New Zealand Golf Events

The New Zealand Government has placed strict controls around people entering New Zealand and many events, sporting occasions and gatherings around New Zealand are being cancelled or postponed to reduce the threat of COVID-19 spreading.

New Zealand Golf has carefully considered our upcoming event schedule and made the decision to cancel or postpone all events through until at least 10 May. This decision has been taken with the support and input of the PGA, host clubs, and a range of other stakeholders.

While many of our events are predominately outdoors will have less than 500 people, we have made this decision based on our desire to not place any staff, players or other participants in a position of risk.

Some events have international attendees who are no longer able to attend and many of our domestic attendees need to take flights, stay in hotel accommodation and be generally be placed in group environments to partake.

Considering the health, safety and wellbeing of all, we are erring on the side of caution and ensuring we are not part of enabling a group environment where COVID-19 may be transmitted.

The affected golf events are:

- NZ Women's Autumn Foursomes, 24 March – postponed.
- Jennian Homes Charles Tour: Autex Muriwai Open, 26 March, postponed
- Jennian Homes Charles Tour: Barfoot and Thompson Akarana Open, 2 April, postponed.
- New Zealand Women's Masters, 3 April – postponed.
- South Island Age Group Championships, 22 April, postponed.

All these events are postponed with the intention of playing at dates to be finalised later in the year.

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Other affected events include:

- Talent Development Camp, 5 and 6 April – postponed.
- New Zealand Golf Awards Dinner, 4 May – cancelled.
- Chairman's Dinner for District Associations and Life Members, 4 May 2020 – cancelled.
- District Association Forum, 5 May – cancelled.
- Future Leaders Programme, 3 and 4 May – postponed.
- New Zealand Golf AGM, 5 May – to be held by video conference.

New Zealand Golf's decision on these matters has been based on information from experts and with the health and wellbeing of players, our staff and the general community in mind.

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