



CROQUET NEW ZEALAND
TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES
2020/21 SEASON

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Purpose

In March 2020, New Zealand entered into the Covid Alert Level System in response to the global pandemic. As we ascended through the Levels to the top, Alert Level 4, there was a lot of uncertainty and confusion around what could and could not be done at each Level.

This uncertainty has provided challenges for everyone as we attempted to navigate these unprecedented times. As we have de-escalated through the Alert Levels, more clarity has been provided around each level which has helped provide better understanding and certainty.

The purpose of this document is to provide some certainty for CNZ Members as to under what conditions CNZ tournaments will go ahead during 2020/21. Additionally, this document also outlines the process should New Zealand need to ascend back up the Alert Levels.

At the time of writing, New Zealand was in Alert Level 1.

Background

Following the Prime Ministers announcement that we would move to Alert Level 4, Croquet New Zealand announced that CNZ tournaments and workshops would not resume until we entered Alert Level 0.

Since this announcement in late March, there have been a number of updates to the definitions and descriptors of the Alert Levels and what restrictions are in place at each Level. It is now apparent that competitions could resume safely under Alert Level 1. CNZ's previous decision has been revisited based on the new information available.

To assist with this decision, some players who participated in CNZ tournaments during 2019/20 were surveyed to ascertain whether they would be comfortable playing CNZ tournaments under Alert Level 1 and what barriers they envision might limit their ability to participate.

Key Information and Contact Details

This document has been compiled based on information that has been sourced from the official covid-19 website and the Sport New Zealand website in conjunction with the results of the player survey. The information within this document is correct as of the day it was sourced and may vary if the country moves in and out of the various Alert Levels.

For more information on the Alert Levels please visit the following websites;

[Uniteforrecovery.govt.nz](https://uniteforrecovery.govt.nz)

[Sportnz.org.nz](https://sportnz.org.nz)

Contact numbers;

Healthline (Covid) – 0800 358 4553

Healthline (all other enquires) – 0800 611 116

Croquet NZ – 04 916 0258

Resumption of Croquet New Zealand Tournaments

Based on the feedback received in the player survey and the guidelines provided by the Government, Croquet New Zealand tournaments **will resume under Alert Level 1**.

How tournaments will be managed if New Zealand moves in and out of different alert levels is addressed under the [Tournament Confirmation / Cancellation](#) section of this document.

Registration Process

The registration process for CNZ Tournaments in 2020/21 will remain the same as previous seasons, via the online portal. Registration information will be made available on our website once it is ready.

Tournament Confirmation / Cancellation

As of the 9th of June, New Zealand moved to Alert Level 1 allowing CNZ tournaments to be held. However, there is the possibility of another wave of Covid-19 which could result in New Zealand ascending back up the Alert Levels. This section aims to provide some certainty to Members as to how CNZ will manage any change in the Alert Levels.

Move to Alert Level 2 – pre tournament

Should New Zealand enter Alert Level 2 prior to a tournament commencing, all tournaments following this date will immediately be postponed.

Croquet New Zealand will review the situation and make an announcement as to whether the event will be rescheduled or cancelled as soon as possible.

Move to Alert Level 2 – mid tournament

If a second wave of Covid-19 was to hit New Zealand, it could result in ascending to Level 2 without much warning. This could potentially be in the middle of a tournament.

Should the nation move to Alert Level 2 during a tournament, the tournament will be abandoned immediately. This tournament will not be rescheduled and will be declared not-contested for 2020/21.

Moving back down the Alert Levels

Should New Zealand ascend to Alert Level 2, Alert Level 1 will remain the measure for enabling tournaments to resume again. Croquet New Zealand acknowledge that stating which Alert Level tournaments would resume while definitive, provides its own level of uncertainty.

To assist with players planning, for a tournament to go ahead, New Zealand must be in Alert Level 1 four (4) weeks prior to the start of the event. i.e. The South Island GC Championships are scheduled to begin on 5th November 2020. If it gets to the 8th of October 2020 and the country is still in Alert Level 2, the South Island GC Championships would be cancelled.

Entry Fee Reimbursements

There are a number of scenarios that could occur throughout 2020/21 which may result in an individual having to withdraw from an event or the event not going ahead. The following scenarios outline when and how a reimbursement can be sort.

For the purpose of the 2020/21 season, this document supersedes the criteria set-out for refunds in the Tournament Regulations where the request is triggered due to Covid-19.

Cancellation of Event Prior to it beginning

Should the nation ascend back up the Alert Levels, tournaments will be cancelled from Level 2. If this is the case, an individual is entitled to a refund of their entry fee by;

1. Making a request via email to croquet@croquet.org.nz
2. The request is made by no later than 1 week following the scheduled start date of that tournament.
3. The request includes the individuals bank details to process the refund.

Cancellation of Event once started

No refund is available once the event has begun.

Withdrawal from the Event

The Government still advise those that feel unwell to stay home, should an individual have to withdraw because they are feeling unwell, they are entitled to a refund of 50% of their entry fee by;

1. Making a request via email to croquet@croquet.org.nz
2. The request is made by no later than 1 week following the scheduled start date of that tournament.
3. The request includes the individuals bank details to process the refund.

Travel and Accommodation Costs

Moving through the Alert Levels is beyond Croquet New Zealand's control. As we have seen worldwide, the virus can spread rapidly and a second wave in New Zealand could result in us rapidly moving back up the Alert Levels. Croquet New Zealand is not responsible for any non-refundable costs lost should any tournaments be cancelled or postponed due to Covid-19.

Contact Tracing

Under Alert Level 1, contact tracing is no longer mandatory. However, it is recommended that individuals maintain a log of where they have been and when. Where possible, organisations are encouraged to display QR codes to assist with individuals keeping their personal logs.

Personal Hygiene

While Alert Level 1 doesn't have any specific requirements around physical distancing or hygiene requirements, it is up to all of us to remain vigilant to minimise the risk of a second wave of Covid-19.

It is recommended that individuals continue good hygiene practices which could include cleaning their hands before and after games.

Disclaimer

Croquet New Zealand reserves the right to update this document at any time based on any recommendation(s) or updates provided by the Government or any of their agencies, this includes, but is not limited to; Sport New Zealand and Ministry of Health.

If this document is updated, it will be announced on the Croquet New Zealand website.