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**To:** All SLSNZ Clubs and Members

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**Subject:** Sport NZ Additional Guidance & Clarification around Gatherings

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Further to Surf Life Saving New Zealand's (SLSNZ) COVID-19 Memos of recent days there has been a fair bit of discussion around clarification of 'Gatherings', please see below for further clarification.

*The 100 relates to the maximum number of people that can be in a public/commercial facility, i.e. that are not the workforce of the facility - to use the PM's example you can have up to 100 people in your restaurant, café or library etc.... on top of the staff. But this can only consist of groups of up to 10 as part of the 100 people, but no group can be bigger than 10 and each group has to be seated, separated appropriately and served by just one person.*

*So, apply the principle above to public facilities - swimming pools, libraries, museums, etc.*

*The limit of 10 applies to a single group that comes together for the purpose of joint mixing & mingling. Currently limited to 10 because this is the kind of grouping that gave rise to a number of our clusters, and social mixing & mingling usually involves alcohol (or in the case of funerals, grief), when over time, people let their guard down and make less sensible decisions. That's why social gatherings are limited to 2 hours. The limit on the numbers is going to be regularly reviewed, next time on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May.*

## **Sport New Zealand Gathering Guidance - 12 May 2020**

### Guidance Around Gatherings

- Gatherings must be restricted to a maximum of 10 people (both indoor and outdoor facilities). For sport and recreation, a gathering includes; spectators, players, officials and support staff.
- All indoor and outdoor facilities will need to restrict entry to a maximum of 10 people per group. This limit will still need to be considered in the context of maintaining the 2 metre physical distancing requirement between groups.
- Care must be taken to avoid more than 10 people congregating at communal points such as entries and car parks, and to maintain physical distancing of 2m between groups. Phasing of activities is recommended to allow time for people to pass through these areas safely.
- Spectators should be limited or asked not to attend for now. If spectators are permitted, in order to know who attended, it is recommended that they be asked to register in advance. Spectators should be physically distanced through seating allocation or marking out of standing areas. Areas for spectators should be clearly marked out for each court/area to prevent mingling with other groups in the same facility.
- Gathering restrictions do not apply to professional athletes, and the officials or support staff supporting these athletes. These are considered to be controlled workplaces which means there are separate guidelines that are applicable.

## Further Guidance On Outdoor Sporting Venues

- For sports or recreational activities that take place outdoors in a large open area with multiple fields or courts, the requirements on the numbers of people applies to a single field or court, so long as this is managed in accordance with other public health guidelines and the attendees at one gathering do not mingle or interact with those from another gathering.
- For large areas such as golf courses or ski fields, individual groups (of no more than 10 people) engaging in activities should keep physically distanced from each other. Careful measures will be necessary to maintain physical distancing between groups while indoors for example in the clubhouse.
- A registration point or points should be set up and clearly marked at the venue. This is especially important for large sports fields where there are multiple entry points and fields of play.

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