



# PISTOL NEW ZEALAND

MEMBER OF THE NZ COUNCIL OF LICENCED FIREARMS OWNERS (COLFO)

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To: All PNZ Members

Good evening

As you are aware New Zealand and the rest of the world is experiencing a pandemic – the Covid-19 virus colloquially known as Coronavirus. Due to the spread of this virus and government measures to control it countries have instigated a number of protective measures.

Pistol NZ Council has discussed the impact of this virus and what it could mean for our sport. Today a number of community sports were postponed until mid-May or cancelled all together. The advice of the Prime Minister currently focuses on larger events (500 people or more), although another announcement is expected tomorrow.

At this stage Pistol NZ has decided to continue with its events within requirements as per our pandemic plan. This plan is attached and also contains some useful links to the Ministry of Health website.

If a club chooses to no longer host or decides to postpone a regional, island or national event Pistol NZ Council understands and appreciates this decision. Likewise it is up to the individual to decide whether they wish to attend a match. We do ask that if you decide not to attend that you let the match organisers know as soon as possible, the host club will give refunds for this reason. We will endeavour to keep the PNZ calendar on the website up-to-date. If you are a match organiser please could you let Phill know the status of your event if it is before the end of April.

We also ask that if you are in any way unwell that you do not attend the match or any club events. Whilst our events are much less than the current 500 threshold, our competitors (you!) come from all parts of NZ and we need to be cautious.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time for us all and thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind regards and stay safe

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President Pistol NZ