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## **OFFICIAL MEMO (20<sup>th</sup> March 2020)**

### **NZRCA STATEMENT: COVID-19 (Update)**

To all Clubs, Racers and Associates, We have received a few enquiries about Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how this relates to NZRCA events run by our member clubs. The welfare of our racers is the prime consideration and we understand that local considerations and knowledge will determine what suits them best.

The NZRCA will strictly follow the Instructions of the New Zealand Government and Ministry of Health guidelines in regards the continuation of events run by our clubs which are determined as “organised public gatherings”.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-advice-public-events-and-mass-gatherings>

Currently, most of our events typically fall outside of the current Government advice with regards to compulsory banned events. Events are considered “public gathering” but are of a smaller nature than that which is banned in all New Zealand locations as of time of writing this. (500+ people outdoors, 100+ people indoors)

This means for many of our events, the initial view is “business as usual” – but there are always exceptions and all of our clubs have landlords, councils, committees etc. that are also stakeholders which may mean decisions made regarding racing are not always clear at first. Please ensure as a racer or club member you are up to date as a minimum with the government requirements and advice.

**At this time, we have received notice from the following clubs:**

- **Hawkes Bay RC Car Club – Postponement of the 2020 NZRCA 1/10<sup>th</sup> EP Off-Road Nationals**
- **Tauranga Indoors – All club days cancelled until further notice**
- **Little Forest Raceway – NZIOC Dirt Edition’ 20 – Cancelled**

We strongly advise all club committees to hold a meeting to discuss your plans moving forward and advise the NZRCA executive so we can let the greater community know of any updates.

This is an ongoing situation and at this time, the NZRCA are allowing clubs to following the government guidelines, however there may come a time where we are forced to put restrictions in place on all clubs and events.

If you have any issues with the above, please contact one of the following:

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Kind regards

**2019/2020 NZRCA Executive**