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NZRCA STATEMENT: COVID-19 (Update)

Following the government announcement on Monday 11th of May regarding NZ moving to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 on Thursday 14th May, the NZRCA sought official advice from the COVID-19 department who referred us over to Sport NZ who set the rules for all Sport and Recreation. On their advice and approval, we issued a statement on 12th May advising club racing could now take place. Approximately 4 hours after this memo was released, Sport NZ issued an updated statement on their website which created further confusion regarding if race days could or could not be held. We again sought advice direct from the source and received the following information late last night:

“Hi, the update involved mass gatherings and means groups of more than 10 cannot congregate and you must have public hygiene and contact tracing in place for those groups. You can have more than one group in a large space at the same time, however the groups cannot mingle in any way and they need to enter and exit together. We are publishing new information on this very soon”.

A question was then posed to Sport NZ that if a club was to hold a race day and people remained in their group of 10 (4wd mod buggy has less than 10 people in it as example) provided they stayed in that group and did not cross over to any other group (2wd Mod buggy as example who has some different people to the 8 currently entered in 4wd Mod) would this be acceptable or break the rules.

“Multiple groups of 10 kept distanced and not mingling at any point sounds fine. The other sanitation and hygiene requirements are on the table on our web site”.

Based on this new information, clubs are advised that they must follow all the rules & guidelines of Sport NZ & COVID-19 Alert Level 2. Full information on this can be found at <https://sportnz.org.nz/> & <https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2/>

Any and all club racing is subject to your venue owner approving the venue use for your event (e.g. an indoor venue may have their own rules that override the NZRCA stance on this, and their rules must be adhered to first and foremost).

As per the NZRCA official memo on 9th May, we have a new feature on our website www.nzrca.co.nz for clubs to use for “Online Entries”. This serves multiple purposes at this time being:

1. Contact tracing of all competitors for clubs and the NZRCA
2. Assists clubs to keep event registration contactless
3. Assists clubs with having an online register that creates a csv. file for Livetime

Drivers will be required to enter all information as required by the government for contact-tracing through this portal. Instructional videos will be uploaded at www.nzrca.co.nz shortly.

NOTE: It is a mandatory requirement for all NZRCA member clubs to endeavour to use the online registration to enable the NZRCA to provide contact-tracing records when and where required by the government. For public, pen and paper may be used but we ask that you then enter this information at a later date into a digital format and forward this to matthew@buildmaster.co.nz (NZRCA HSE Officer & President)

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

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Kind regards

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