



COVID-19 UPDATE FOR JUDO (20/3/20)

With the announcement that indoor gatherings of over 100 are now banned, JNZ Board of Directors confirms that all scheduled competition **events are suspended until further notice.**

It is hoped that these can be re-scheduled once the ban is lifted, but this will depend on time-frames, availability of venues, etc. Organisers are recommended to talk with your venue providers to determine arrangements for re-booking, refunds of deposits or payments made, etc. It would be prudent not to outlay non-refundable deposits due to the ongoing uncertainty.

In addition, all JNZ **Coaching Qualification workshops are also suspended** until further notice. Depending on the duration of this suspension, it is likely that the deadline for having a qualified Level 2 coach will be extended.

Under the current protocols, **clubs may still operate**, but it is strongly advised that the Ministry of Health guidelines are adhered to. These can be found at;

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

Adhering to these guidelines (particularly the “Social Distancing” advice) will prevent “normal” Judo practice, so clubs who continue to operate should be creative in the way they can keep people involved in a manner which is safe to all. High levels of personal hygiene must be maintained, and nobody should train if they are unwell.

Please continue to refer to the Ministry of Health advice regularly.

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