

All TSNZ announcements relating to Covid-19 will be added to this document as they occur. The most recent announcement is at the top of the page.

2020 Fees and Affiliations

March 26th 2020

The TSNZ Executive understands that a major issue for Members, Clubs and Associations will be what fees they will be expected to pay for the 2020 season. The Executive is currently looking at all aspects of this, and expects to have information available later next week.

Issues being taken into account are wide-ranging, and will include the reduced competition programme, the impact of Covid-19 closures on incomes, reductions in TSNZ expenditure being made wherever possible, and non-negotiable ongoing costs such as insurance, audit and bank fees. The duration of the lock down will also need to be taken into account and may force decisions to be changed at a later date.

No doubt you will agree that it's very important that TSNZ be in a position to continue to promote and support our sport once things return to normal, and so whatever is decided for 2020 must allow this to happen. The Executive need some time to make the best decision, and will advise the outcome as soon as possible.

Covid-19 Statement Update

March 23rd 2020

Hello to our Associations, Clubs and members,

Firstly, the TSNZ Executive hope you are all safe and well, despite the chaotic week we have all experienced. The country has gone from 6 COVID-19 cases last Monday to over 100 cases in a week. The Government has instituted new Alert levels and in one day, we will all be in personal isolation with many workplaces and schools closed for the next four weeks.

With less than 600 ICU beds available across NZ, it is vitally important that we listen to and follow the Government instructions for the ultimate benefit of our communities.

The real unknown for all of us is how long will it take us to recover and resume normal life. Some are hoping for a few weeks, others a few months while the likely scenario is for many months.

Your Executive does not have a magic ball to advise us, so our best guess is that we will be affected for many months with no end date to the restrictions currently known. Our responsibility is firstly for the safety of our members, your families and our communities.

Events - Consequently, we need to confirm the status of all our competitions and events.

The following TSNZ events are now cancelled for 2020:

- North versus South Island match
- Secondary Schools Nationals
- Secondary Schools Postals
- NDC – All rounds
- Junior Development Squad – all Camps in 2020
- Coaching Courses
- TSNZ Team Postals

These events are currently on hold (including entries) but will be reviewed at a later date:

- TSNZ Individuals Postals
- National Indoor Championship

Non TSNZ events for 2020 include:

- Teams of Ten - Postponed indefinitely
- Andrew & Faulkner - Cancelled

Recommendations to Clubs and Associations

- Alert level 4 requires that ALL ranges close and in-person meetings cease.
- All Interclub matches should be cancelled this year
- All Club Opens should be cancelled this year

TSNZ strongly recommends all team events for 2020 are cancelled to avoid putting pressure on team members to attend against their better judgement.

As the situation is changing very rapidly, the Executive will continue to monitor the situation with the hope to resume some shooting when advised via the Alert level. We are meeting frequently online to ensure that we are able to respond as quickly as possible whenever the situation changes.

We will also be looking for possible programmes to keep everyone in the shooting loop. This may include some remote coaching programs, dry training guides, and possible postals matches when the alert level drops and ranges are able to open again.

Our sport is not only at risk from Covid-19 and new legislation, our overall numbers have been dropping each year. With the pressure on clubs and shooting this year, we ALL need to work extremely hard to retain all of our current members and maintain contact with them, even if they are not attending club nights, etc. With all of this extra time now on your hands this season, the Executive would suggest that members really set their mind to thinking of and sharing ways in which clubs and associations can start to build membership. We should be planning to implement these ideas ready for next season. Please, share your ideas with our Executive Officer so we can help all clubs.

Always remember to practise personal safety and keep well.

Regards,

TSNZ Executive

South Island Coaching CANCELLED

March 21st 2020

Following the announcement today for all New Zealanders to limit domestic travel to help contain the Covid-19 crisis, the remaining two coaching sessions in Balclutha and Dunedin yet to be run by Jon Phillipps and Helen Freiman are now cancelled.

Sincere apologies to those who have yet to attend one of the two courses, and please be assured that coaching will resume in the future when possible.

Covid-19 update

March 20th 2020

The TSNZ Executive is currently monitoring the Covid-19 situation in this constantly changing environment. We have scheduled an Executive meeting for Monday to discuss a number of issues and will release a detailed statement on Tuesday 24th regarding TSNZ events.

Thanks for your patience and keep safe.

Best Regards,

Steve O'Donnell
TSNZ President

Andrew & Faulkner CANCELLED

March 20th 2020

Hi all

In a rapidly changing situation, and with the Government announcing yesterday (19 March) the ban on gatherings of more than 100 people indoors, the Executive of South Island Target Shooting Association has decided to CANCEL this years Andrew and Faulkner in Ashburton in July 2020.

Our plan for the hosting for next year's event is for it to still be with Mid Canterbury Association and with all other host venues sliding back one year, this will need to be confirmed by those host Associations at some stage soon.

South Island Indoor Champs – We need to have a think about this and see if we can still hold this or not. This may need to be run a bit different than we have in the past eg run at more venues. We will keep you all informed.

South Island AGM – Again we need to have a think about this, we will keep you informed with this as well.

Please pass this information on to all of your membership.

Regan Cowe
Secretary
South Island Target Shooting Association

Teams of Ten POSTPONED

March 19th 2020

Firstly apologies to those Associations who have not had time to discuss Teams of Ten. In a rapidly changing situation, the Government announced today (19th March) the ban on gatherings of more than 100 people indoors. This has forced our decision to postpone the holding of ToT in May 2020.

However the majority of Associations have replied to me and were in agreement with postponing the Teams of Ten.

The next step is to look at the possibility for either holding the ToT match later in 2020 or holding it over until May 2021. This depends on the progression of the Covid-19 virus.

Thank you all for your comments. It is apparent that the TOT competition is highly regarded in the shooting calendar.

Janet Hunt
Secretary
North Island Smallbore Rifle Association

JDS Camp cancelled

March 18th 2020

After discussion with the TSNZ office and in light of the Covid-19 situation, the decision has been made to cancel the April JDS camp. This is unfortunate but is a necessary step.

We will wait and see how "things" progress and when it appears that normality is returning we will restart the JDS program.

The JDS apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have booked flights please contact your airline to transfer flights to a later date.

Everyone take care and we will catch up soon

Regards
Jon Phillipps
JDS Coach

TSNZ Covid-19 Statement

March 17th 2020

The following is based on Ministry of Health (MoH) advice, which can be found at: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

As of the time of writing this release there were 8 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in New Zealand and low risk of community transfer. MoH advice is that public events may still go ahead, on certain conditions. However, TSNZ is recommending that the hosts of all events that are scheduled from now until 1 May seriously consider postponing or cancelling their events, however, the final decision lies with the organising associations and clubs. For those that do continue to operate we recommend:

You need to:

- Remind those who have been overseas or who have been in direct/close contact with others who have been overseas within the past 14 days to stay away.
- Remind those who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms that they must stay away until 14 days after symptoms have stopped.
- Ensure that it is easy for anyone attending to wash hands with soap and water and dry hands thoroughly, or use hand sanitiser.
- Clean surfaces regularly.

Please also consider:

- Leaving an empty mound between shooters.
- Keeping records of all persons at the range at any time, including detail/squad cards, so that quick contact can be made with all affected people should a case occur.
- The risk of sharing equipment (especially rifles).
- Cleaning shared equipment between uses, if you allow sharing at all.
- The most at-risk are those aged over 60, consider staying away if you are over this age.
- You (clubs and associations) do not have to continue to run events if you do not wish to.

Major Events

We will be asking the North and South Island associations to consider their options for the Teams of Ten and Andrew & Faulkner matches, particularly as the situation is likely to change between now and the time of the event. The executive will be considering what options are available for the Inter-Island match (North/South) as the time draws nearer.

As stated above, the situation is very likely to change. We will post any updates on the TSNZ website and Facebook page as soon as they are available.

Regards,

TSNZ Executive