



**BASKETBALL**  
New Zealand



## **Strengthen and Adapt Project Update**

### **Transforming basketball to prepare for our future**

Welcome to 2021! Already it has been a busy year with work continuing at pace on our Basketball Strengthen and Adapt project.

The project team continues to work through the information and ideas we have collated throughout our consultation process, which has canvassed over 1,000 people across all parts of our basketball system!

This project has been running since October 2020. During that time, we have run a public survey, met with people involved throughout the system including representatives of women and girls, players, coaches, administrators, governors, Associations, Zones, NBL companies, independent providers, disability providers, and a range of different ethnic groups – the consultation has been extensive to say the least.

As we reported in our last update, we identified 23 common themes that our community said were key improvement areas. We then identified 13 of these which we feel have the potential to be truly transformational

(listed below) and the BBNZ Board requested these were explored further as to what the transformation might look like and whether they could meet Sport NZ's Strengthen and Adapt investment criteria. It should also be noted that following discussions with providers who are delivering basketball to people with disabilities, this was a 14th possible area for transformation that we committed to explore further.

1. Voice of the participant – regular active voice
2. Collecting and sharing data and insights
3. Structure of the basketball system
4. Working with independent providers
5. Connections to community clubs
6. Spaces to play
7. Growing the game for Women and Girls
8. Women and Girls engagement at all levels of leadership
9. Player wellbeing
10. 3x3 growth strategy
11. Connecting with ethnic communities
12. Introduce modified casual versions of the game
13. Strengthening the volunteer base (coaching and officiating)
14. Basketball for people with disabilities

The big task has been to identify possible solutions. To do this, we assembled a good cross-section of stakeholders who we had met throughout our consultation process – 40 people who brought experience, insights and ideas from across our basketball system. Together we spent a day at a Basketball Think Tank to extensively workshop ideas in many of the 13 possible areas for transformation.

The team are now taking all of this information and narrowing it down into our first draft Basketball Strengthen and Adapt Plan. The critical challenge for the project team is to ensure that we thoroughly consider and balance the perspectives of the broad range of stakeholders to ensure that our plan prioritises and addresses the fundamental issues and opportunities identified during the extensive consultation processes.

This draft plan will be going to a special Board meeting being held on the 3rd of February. Following this, we will provide updates at to-be-scheduled online February meetings with our Basketball Community Advisory Group (CAG), Association General Managers and also Association Chairs. The plan will then be finalised and submitted to the Basketball NZ Board on the 18th of February for their approval before submission to Sport NZ on the 26th of February.

Thanks to the many people and organisations who have contributed to this project to date. Your input has been invaluable and has been informing the development of a Strengthen and Adapt Plan that will transform and strengthen basketball as we look to our future.

[Find all Strengthen and Adapt updates here.](#)

## 2021 Association Fees - Reminder

At the last BBNZ AGM (2020) it was recommended and passed that for 2021 the Association Fees be reduced for that year.

The Board recommends keeping the current levy structure, based on five population tiers and also linked to voting rights, but with some financial relief via a reduction of 50% of that agreed in the previous few years.

POPULATION	2020 LEVY	2021 LEVY RECOMMENDED	VOTES
Less than 50,000	\$2,500	\$1,250	2
50,000 - 99,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	4
100,000 to 174,999	\$7,500	\$3,750	6
175,000 to 249,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	8
More than 250,000	\$12,500	\$6,250	10

## New Zealand Players Returning

# home - Protocols

## Returning from the USA

Right now many United States based Kiwis, especially those players in US College, will be hoping to return to New Zealand during the US summer. We have summarised some key information below that should be taken into consideration well before your departure.

The New Zealand Government continues to enforce strict border controls, which has recently proven itself to be effective in keeping New Zealand free of community outbreaks of COVID-19. New Zealanders are being reminded by the Government to remain vigilant and keep scanning QR codes.

Of course the border restrictions do create barriers for those travelling to New Zealand from abroad.

Those needing to secure Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) rooms need to apply well in advance with other Kiwis who are seeking to return, critical workers from all industries and emergency requests. The Government have made it clear that MIQ beds are limited.

We strongly recommend you plan your travel plans as soon as possible to prevent any anxiety or distress later down the track, apply for your MIQ rooms and ensure you are up to date with the Government's requirements that you will need to meet if you are to return to New Zealand.

### Important considerations for your MIQ plans

- The MIQ space portal can be found here <https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>
- Please note that you will need to secure a Managed Isolation and Quarantine voucher, prior to confirming your flights.
- **Spaces are booking out** | The Government has made it clear that spaces are extremely limited. MIQ space has

just been released for April and May, and April is already booked out.

- **Apply for the day that you arrive** | Be sure to consider when your flight arrives. For example, you might need to try and secure a spot on **Thursday or Monday** to match the AirNZ flight arrivals noted below.
- **Create an account now** | We recommend you create a profile and begin to make plans for your return.
- **Log your flight details** | When you have secured an MIQ spot, you will have 48 hours to confirm your flight details. You will need to log back into the MIQ system to add your flight details to confirm your Managed Isolation Allocation Voucher – if you do not do this your spot held will be released.
- Between family and yourself, you may be able to check dates more frequently, in the hope a spot becomes available.
- You can apply for an Emergency allocation if you meet the criteria. <https://www.miq.govt.nz/travel-to-new-zealand/secure-your-place-in-managed-isolation/emergency-allocation-requests/>
- We are unsure of when the next months will be made available to the public but have already heard that due to major events, MIQ space between June – August will be scarce.

## Flights

The current flight schedule from LAX to AKL for 28 March – 30 June is:

- **Tuesday and Saturday departures**
- Depart LAX: 10.30pm (Tuesday 30 March departs at 9.30pm due to daylight saving)
- Arrive AKL: 6.30am plus 2 days

## Relevant AirNZ updates

- As a result of COVID-19, AirNZ have significantly reduced their international schedule through to 30 June 2021.
- The AirNZ schedule aims to keep air links open for essential travel and cargo movement on key trade

routes.

- All services are subject to change in line with global travel and border restrictions.
- If your flight has been impacted by this schedule change you should be contacted by Air NZ or your Travel Agent directly, but we recommend you keep an eye on your flights and Air NZ updates on their website.

### **Pre-departure test requirements**

- COVID-19 pre-departure testing is now mandatory if travelling to New Zealand.
- Effective 11.59pm, Monday, 25 January 2021, all passengers arriving into and transiting in New Zealand with the exception of arrivals from Australia, Antarctica and most Pacific Islands will be required to show a written form, certified by a laboratory or another form of approved evidence, showing a negative COVID-19 PCR test, conducted within 72 hours of departure. Make sure you know how you will get this in time. Find somewhere who does this and ensure you get that test and the certified documentation before you depart.
- For full details please refer to the New Zealand Government's COVID-19 website.  
<https://www.miq.govt.nz/travel-to-new-zealand/plan-your-travel-to-nz/pre-departure-testing/>

### **SafeTravel <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/>**

- If you have not registered your travel with SafeTravel please do now.
- We encourage those travelling or living overseas right now to register online. This allows the New Zealand government to contact you in an emergency situation, or to provide consular assistance, while you are overseas.

### **Your due diligence**

The above information is what we have gathered right now. The situation is constantly changing so it's important

that you are monitoring the websites and information from each of those agencies. We hope the above information helps guide you to tick all the boxes before returning home.



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