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BASKETBALL
New Zealand



Last evening [at 7pm Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that Auckland moves to Alert Level 3, rest of New Zealand to Alert Level 2](#) as of 11.59pm tonight (Sunday 14 February), after positive COVID-19 cases were found in a household in Auckland.

Auckland will move to Alert Level 3 for a period of three days (until 12 midnight Wednesday 17 February). The rest of New Zealand will move to Alert Level 2 for the same period.

Basketball in Auckland at Alert Level 3?

- This Alert Level means organised basketball is suspended, as the Government requires everyone to stay in their household bubble. Further [Government requirements under Alert 3 can be found here.](#)

- [This Government page](#) offers advice on how to exercise at different Alert Levels. This is also a good time to remind our community about our [home hoops workouts](#) that were created during lockdown last year.

Rest of NZ operating under Alert 2:

Basketball New Zealand's stance remains the same as it did in September 2020 when we issued guidance around basketball and hosting tournaments at Alert 2.

We are supportive of events if they are held in line with the intentions of the [Government's Alert Level Guidelines](#) and where strong health and safety precautions to combat the spread of COVID-19 are applied.

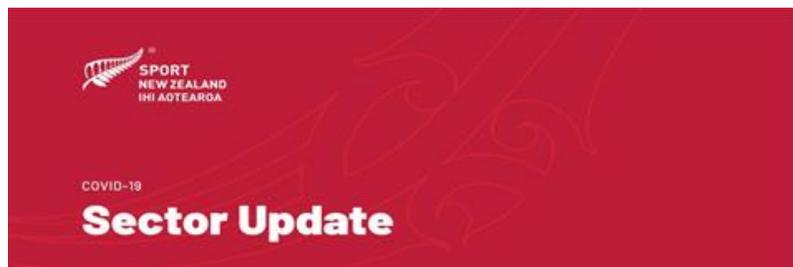
If operating at Alert Level 2, basketball providers should proceed with caution and remember:

- Hosts should not operate events with gatherings of over 100 people. The Government limit on total gatherings at Alert Level 2 is 100. This requirement is to decrease the chance of spread. In case there is some confusion about how this rule should be applied, Basketball New Zealand is clear in our view, as is School Sport NZ and Sport NZ view that was given to us last September: The 100-person limit applies to the whole event. For example, it is not ok to operate an event over two venues with separate gatherings, then cross teams over later in the event for final rounds thereby creating new sets of 100 to do so. This would be an attempt to 'work around' the COVID-19 restrictions, it is risky and unsafe, and not in keeping with the intentions of the Government's guidelines.
- [It may help to read this webpage outlining considerations if operating under the mass gathering restrictions of 100.](#)
- Should Auckland go from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2.5 like it did last year, it's a timely reminder that Government Alert Level requirements say that if anyone is travelling to an event or meeting, they are expected to carry their home Alert Level with them.

Further reminders:

- Ensure you are meeting the [contract tracing](#) and hygiene requirements as outlined on the Government's COVID-19 website.
- If you have questions about sports operations at alert levels, please first refer to [Sport New Zealand's Alert guidance here](#).
- Further Sport NZ guidance on how to manage day to day activities and events as part of pandemic planning and operational management [can be found here](#).
- The [Government's COVID-19 website can be found here](#).
- All our [COVID-19 Updates are available here](#).

SPORT NZ COVID UPDATE



14 February 2021

As notified by the Prime Minister this evening, New Zealand is changing COVID-19 alert levels from 11.59pm tonight until Wednesday February 17.

This will be reviewed every 24 hours. This position was reached after three new community cases were confirmed in Auckland.

- Auckland is moving into Alert Level 3
- The rest of the country to Alert Level 2

Sport NZ's [alert level tables](#) remains current. Please refer to these to understand the guidelines for sport, recreation and play at each alert level. We are responding to a very fluid situation, but not one that is new to us. As the lead Government agencies release more information, and if our alert level guidance changes, we will let you know

immediately.

A reminder that alert level three means:

- Staying home and working remotely if you can
- Travel in and out of Auckland is restricted
- Public venues like pools and playgrounds are closed
- Organised sport or physical activity is not allowed outside 'bubbles'
- Water sports are heavily restricted and must remain low risk
- Low risk local recreation is allowed

It is important to note that outside of Auckland, alert level 2 means gatherings must be limited to no more than 100.

Sport NZ Auckland offices will be shut from midnight tonight. Our Wellington office will be shut Monday while we implement essential health and safety requirements. All staff will continue to work remotely however while our physical offices are closed.

How to get support from Sport NZ:

- Contact your Partnerships Manager if you have one
- Or email: Covid19response@sportnz.org.nz

New Zealand has risen many times to the challenges posed by COVID-19 and I'm sure we can do so again, by working as one team, together.

Ngā mihi,
Raelene Castle
Chief Executive

ABSL CE Appointment





ABSL is delighted to announce the appointment of Rob Wakelin as Chief Executive. Rob is an experienced sports management professional with deep experience in community sports leadership, systems and development. He comes to basketball after a career that has seen him working in a wide range of community sport and recreation organisations including Piha Surf Life Saving Club, Rugby League Northland, Te Araroa - New Zealand's Trail, Cricket Scotland, and Kelly Sports. Rob attended Wesley College and was a Trustee of Sport Waitakere from 2010 -2013.

Rob has a proven ability to drive strategic changes and deliver the unity, systems, and structures needed to succeed. We are confident that Rob will bring the purposeful ethical leadership, positive energy, and enthusiasm, required for success. This is an exciting time for basketball in Auckland as we implement the structures necessary to support the massive growth and interest in the sport.

“Basketball has some unique opportunities in Auckland so I'm excited to accept this role. I can't wait to support the enthusiastic basketball community and our talented diverse staff in delivering quality sporting experiences and accelerate the great work ABSL has done to date,” says Rob.

Molten Basketballs

New Recommendations

and Range



Associations Update

With competitions fast approaching, now is the time to ensure you've placed your basketball order or considered which basketballs you'll be ordering for the upcoming season/s.

After discussions with our Molten supplier, Bernsport, it has been recommended that the **Molten BG3800** Composite Leather Basketball is used for all school and association age group tournaments (available in sizes 6 & 7).

This ball will be used at the following events:

- Secondary School Tournaments (Premierships and Nationals)
- All BBNZ age-group tournaments (excluding U13 Regionals – BBNZ will be using BGF5X)

A reminder that if orders are received before the end of February, associations will receive an additional 20% off all association pricing for selected Molten products!

[Access the official BBNZ Molten order form here.](#)

Please note: The Molten 2021 range is not a direct replacement so balls cannot be compared to previous stock. Three balls - BGL, BGF and BGH - have been replaced with four new balls – BG5000, BG4000, BG3800 and BG3000.

Unfortunately prices have increased globally, which has resulted in price increases across manufacturing, shipping and warehousing – ultimately affecting the ongoing price

of balls as well as their availability.

For any queries, please contact daniel@nz.basketball

COVID - Health and Safety Reminder

Scanning in using the NZ COVID Tracer app dropped to a fifth of its peak across the country before the most recent scare in Auckland.

Reminder to all of the importance to keep scanning QR codes, should there be a community outbreak. Every single one of us – needs to be scanning the NZ Covid Tracer app, or signing in on a sheet of paper, every single time.

Take time to read the latest [Ministry of Health information](#) to protect yourself.



Basketball New Zealand

A newsletter from the Basketball New Zealand Community Team.
Contact Matthew Ruscoe, Regional Support Manager, on (04) 498 5963 or email matthew@nz.basketball.

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