

Update # 2 from SWIM

Bay of Plenty Board

We do hope you and your loved ones are all managing as we are about to move past Level 4 into Level 3 of this extraordinary lockdown situation, we find ourselves facing under COVID-19.

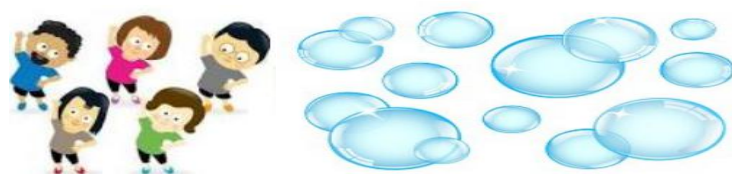
Swimming Bay of Plenty is continuing to follow the advice of the lead Government agencies <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-situation/health-and-disability-services-alert-level-3/alert-level-3-questions-and-answers> who are issuing the most up to date information on the COVID-19 pandemic. As we all progress through the Alert levels SBOP will continue to offer as much advice and support as possible to our members.



Sport New Zealand on their website <https://sportnz.org.nz/> is offering guidance on play, recreation, and sport across all Alert Levels 1-4. It is a great place to go to get up to date information.



Swimming BOP has been busy on Facebook to ensure we all stay engaged. Make sure you check out our daily posts. There have been some great tips from our coaches, and we are now looking inside the bubbles of our athletes. We appreciate our coaches and athletes sharing and welcome content from any athletes. Please email swimbopevents@gmail.com



[MAINTAIN your BUBBLES](#) – share you bubble stories



The biggest question everyone has is WHEN WILL POOLS OPEN?

This is ultimately a government decision and it is now clear that pools will not reopen in Level 3 but may in Level 2 and even then, there is likelihood there will be restrictions, primarily on numbers. SBOP will be following government rules on gatherings so at present we are unsure how our 2020 Competition calendar will look. We do intend to connect with our coaches over the next few weeks to begin work on our calendar so we can hit the ground running once we know when events can be re-introduced. It goes without saying that we will also be meeting with our Clubs once we have a calendar template to work with.

CONTINUE to be NICE & UNDERSTANDING?

We will all have to be flexible and ready to embrace change after the Covid-19 lockdown. Sport experts have given some great advice about using this lockdown as an opportunity to work on parts of operations within our sport which we all may not usually have time for. What would a sub-regional competition look like as opposed to a whole region? This may potentially be driven by the number of participants allowed in any one place at one time. It is about getting into a headspace where we are all able to formulate plans. Their main piece of advice is to think about our sport as not necessarily the same as it was before Covid-19 because there's obviously going to be restrictions for some time and a flow-on effect meaning 2020 at least is going to look quite different.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

As Gaming Societies are not collecting revenue, they are not able to distribute funds. As such, gaming societies have suspended all applications for funds. If you have an application that was being processed from the previous funding round you may have received notification that your application will not be processed. If you have received funds for an event that is no longer taking place, you should contact your respective Gaming Society. It is important to also bear in mind that when gaming venues can open, it will take some time for enough funds to be collected. Levels of funding will not return to previous levels for some time, so it is important for those that have relied on funding to look at other options. Sport NZ is working with the Government on a financial recovery package for all sports, however, this package will be to support sports once we are out of lockdown not during.



Got any great isolation stories, favourite recipes, isolation life hacks, boredom busters etc. etc. etc.

Share them with us – lets keep connected and hear about what everyone else is out there doing in our swim community



Swimming Bay of Plenty would like to pay tribute to all the people who have kept New Zealand running as we have all been confined to our bubbles. A massive **THANKYOU** and it has been humbling to see the dedication of everyone working hard to keep New Zealand running during these challenging times. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of our members on the frontline looking after New Zealanders, especially those in healthcare and social services.

OUR athletes lets remember to BE KIND, Take care of each other, reach out for help, keep busy, eat well & interact with your Team Mates and Clubs

CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME



Swimming NZ is also aware of the significance financial hit we are all taking and is looking at several options and ways to help moving forward. The 2020 NZ Secondary School Championships August 2020 and the 2020 NZ Short Course Championships October 2020 are currently still events on the SNZ Calendar. No one is currently able to confirm that these events will happen but SNZ remains optimistic. SNZ is working closely with all Regions and are having regular updates. Make sure you check out their **SWIMMING AT HOME** campaign. SNZ are wanting to keep the swimming community connected and supported during this unpredictable time and there are some very cool tools in these documents.

One of the key things for SBOP, once we get through Covid-19 is how are we going to help clubs attract people back to their clubs and be part of the sport of swimming again. The biggest challenge is probably the unknown around the ability to return, what state our community and society will be in and how do we make sure the sport of swimming plays a role in the future. Clubs are to be congratulated on keeping their memberships engaged through all the different forms of communication you have been using. This ensures you are all in the best position possible to bounce back. There is a lot of uncertainty and Swimming Bay of Plenty will continue to understand so that together with athletes, coaches, clubs we can navigate to the best possible outcomes.



For the first time in history Anzac Day services have been cancelled due to Covid-19.

This does not mean that the tradition of remembering and commemorating our veterans and service personnel should be cancelled to.

We urge you all to join in the National Stand at Dawn official dawn broadcast on Saturday 25th April at 6am. Stand at your letterbox, at the front door, in your lounge, in your driveway, anywhere you like and stand and take a moment to remember our fallen - please stay within your bubble.

Take a video clip or photo and send it to us on swimbopevents@gmail.com so we can share with our community.

