



## **EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND**

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**Dear Chairs, Secretaries and Area Delegates,**

I am writing to inform you of two major issues that as area groups/clubs and organising committees you need to be aware of.

1. What is being done at ESNZ level to assist with the transition into Level 2 of the Covid pandemic situation.
2. The development of a \$25 million community resilience fund set up by Sport NZ that you are eligible to apply for funds from.

I know it is a challenging time, but please take the time to read all of the material I am sending you now.

### **WHAT HAS ESNZ BEEN DOING?**

ESNZ and your discipline staff have been working hard to make sure we are ready for Level 2 and making sure we understand how we can facilitate a well managed and seamless transition back into competition.

A number of resources, templates and guidelines are being developed and will be available to all organising committees on our website as soon as we can finalise them. Of course we need to wait until any Level Two guidelines are published so we know more about what is required and we will be in touch asap through your discipline sport managers with as much information as possible. Keep an eye on our facebook page and website covid page to keep up with the latest Covid news.

ESNZ and the disciplines have been working on ways to ensure the competition environment, due to start again in August or September, is less impacted financially by the Covid 19 pandemic. Each discipline has worked out ways it can help area committees to run their AGMS and planning days, relax rules where possible as appropriate and to make concessions on a one off basis to enable a quick return to some form of normal and affordable competition structures.

We urge you to keep in touch with your sport managers and make sure they are aware of any issues or challenges you might be facing and need help with.

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## **\$25 MILLION AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FUND FOR AREA GROUPS AND CLUBS**

Onto the exciting news. You will have seen overnight, an announcement from Sport NZ about a \$25 million community resilience fund that has been put together specifically to support regions and clubs. If you are an ESNZ area group or club (for Endurance) you can apply to that fund.

In order to apply for the money, you will need to read all the fact sheets and information attached and then develop a case to present to your Regional Sports Trust. As there is often more than one group in a region, it is a good idea to join groups together and apply with a collaborative perspective. This will then be assessed by the RST and the money will be given out. If you qualify you get the money, no questions asked.

With respect, I wouldn't hang around wondering. If you think you have a case and can prove that, then get it in to the RST. We have included a list of the area groups and contacts on the website for you to call if you need to discuss something within your region. We have also included a list of the Regional Sports Trusts. The kind of things you might be able to apply for would be where you have missed out on income because you had to cancel an event, cancellation of a winter series, any costs incurred that you could not get credited such as bookings at venues and printing of schedules etc.

The guidelines and fact sheets are informative and if you have any issues please call your sport managers in the first instance as I am in constant contact with them but I cannot answer the phone to 93 different clubs and groups.

We will be here to help where we can so feel free to call and clarify anything. I wish you all the best in getting some money from the community resilience fund and I will be in touch again as soon as there is something more to add about the process or anything I think you need to know.

Kind regards

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