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**Advice to Member Clubs and Affiliated Schools regarding Alert Level 3: Step 1 Guidance**

Dear all

The Auckland Rowing Association (ARA) Board has considered COVID-19 alert level guidance, including the guidance published by Sport New Zealand on its website which pertains to 'Alert Level 3 - Step 1' (Guidance). The Guidance can be found [here](#).

Rowing is not specifically mentioned in the Guidance and we appreciate that this is frustrating for Member Clubs and Affiliated Schools.

In consultation with Rowing New Zealand the ARA Board has formed the view that rowing clubs should not be operating while the Auckland region is under 'Alert Level 3 - Step 1' restrictions.

In particular the ARA notes the statement in the Guidance that private facilities (e.g. clubhouses) cannot open. The ARA would also like to highlight that while athletes may be able to maintain 2 metres distance from others in a single scull on the water, in our view accessing a rowing club or other private facility in order to do so would not be consistent with the Guidance.

ARA is engaging with Sport NZ via Rowing NZ to understand the implications of Alert Level 3 - Step 2 and Alert Level 3 - Step 3 and we will communicate with Member Clubs and Affiliated Schools after this as soon as possible. We anticipate that this will be early next week.

We appreciate that athletes and coaches in the region will be disappointed not to be back out on the water yet. We hope that this will be possible in the coming weeks as restrictions continue to ease.

Regards

ARA Board

(Board Members: Sean Durkin; David Vallance; Paula Halliday; Michael Smyth; Jade Uru; Kim Dowden)