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## 2020 SEASON POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 2

**Wednesday 18 March 2020** – We have just received confirmation from New Zealand Football and Northern Football Federation that the season will be postponed until May 2. While this is disappointing for many we understand given the current climate and outbreak of COVID-19.

The key points in their announcement are:

- Community football, including junior, youth, senior, social and regional competitions – **all play postponed until May 2nd 2020.**
- All team or academy training is **suspended until April 18th 2020.**
- Workshops and courses, including coaching and refereeing **courses postponed until after May 2nd 2020.**
- **All federation meetings postponed** until further notice.
- All currently active **football or futsal tournaments, competitions and/or matches are immediately postponed or cancelled.** AFF/NFF Competitions staff will advise accordingly on any particular instance where required.

The update does stress that this is a plan based off the current information to hand from the Ministry of Health. It may change depending on how the situation evolves.

The updates mention - but does not detail - the financial impact of these changes. NZF and NFF have said they will work with federations and clubs directly to understand **how this will financially impact clubs and members.** For your information, when you pay fees, a portion goes to the federation for running the league, the club keeps a portion to run the building and business. We are in no place to demand refunds, but we will be applying pressure when it is the right time, to better understand how our members will be affected.

In light of this and in summary, all training's, friendly games, pre-season fixtures and games, are all postponed until the above date.

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