

Memo



To Association Executives, Life Members
From Darren Simpson, Executive General Manager Community & Pathways
CC Tain Drinkwater, Chief Executive Officer
Date Wednesday, 15 September 2021
Re **Additional Netball NSW Activity Cancelled**

Further to the information provided last month about the cancellation of various competitions, Netball NSW wishes to advise of the cancellation of additional competitions, programs and trials.

Due to the ongoing uncertainty posed by the COVID-19 situation, the following have now been cancelled:

- 2021 Court Craft Summer Series
- Academy Challenge
- Trials for 2022 NSW State Teams, Emerging Talent Teams and Sydney Netball Academy
- Indigenous Talent Camp
- Koori Gala Days
- Koori Tournament (held in conjunction with the Office of Sport and Charlestown NA)

Although there are discussions playing out in the public arena around the roadmap to freedom, and the potential for restrictions to be lifted at the 70% and 80% double vaccination level in late October or early November, the exact nature of what will be allowed is still an unknown.

It is also not a responsible approach to expect anyone who has been in a lockdown situation for three to four months to be able to come out and perform immediately in competitions or trials. By providing certainty at this time it will allow players time to build fitness back up when lockdown ends and be in good position moving in to 2022.

With particular regard to trials, the Netball NSW Performance & Pathways team will provide regular physical development programs and well-being support to those athletes that have registered to trial.

Netball NSW continues to closely monitor all COVID-19 announcements and changes to restrictions and will communicate changes to the netball community as soon as there is certainty around the changes that are made. This will include any updates on the Government's position with regard to vaccinations and community sport.

As always, for any further information, please feel free to contact your Regional Manager, Association contact person or any Netball NSW staff member for assistance.