



**Squash New Zealand**

**National Office Fortnightly Update**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

It has been a big few weeks for me, including Club K launch, NZJO, Hall of Fame induction and travelling around BOP and Eastern. Enjoy reading our fortnightly update, we do expect that particularly for all district administrators that these are read as we sometimes only communicate via this mechanism to keep our communications streamlined. I am currently confirming the four working groups which will be finalised next Monday, thanks to John F, Marcus, Willie and Vicki R for volunteering to be part of these groups. If you want to be involved email ideally by Sunday.

### Strategic Priority areas

#### **Kotahitanga**

- You will receive the roles and responsibility proposal soon which we will discuss at our remote forum next Wednesday at 5.30pm. We will use Slido again. Also I will send two informal invites Monday/Tuesday that allows anyone to ask me any queries about roles and responsibilities so next Wednesday is more on your feedback rather than explanations.

#### **Promotion**

- We have 8 people currently listed on the National promotion working group, with currently no-one from districts. If you are interested please contact me ASAP.
- Squash New Zealand Merchandise: We are piloting producing some merchandise with the contra deal we have with BLK before our agreement expires in September. Please view current concept thinking of design which we hope to have a limited stock for in June.
- The Boast: We are trialling a different format with our upcoming Boast today, please provide any feedback you have on these changes to Jono as we hope to improve our newsletter every month. Along with any other ideas or changes you may have
- Upcoming collaboration with PSA Squash at the EL GOUNA INTERNATIONAL SQUASH OPEN 2021: We will be working with PSA Squash at the El Gouna International Squash Open to provide high quality updates from Paul Coll and Joelle King on the world stage. Keep an eye out as we hope this will help increase the quality of that coverage.
- Fortnightly updates: Following feedback from district representatives Fortnightly updates will be in future uploaded to our website. Formatting is TBC but will include this week and onwards. Some information that is audience sensitive will be removed (such as proposed sponsorship deals, etc)
- The AON New Zealand Junior Open was held at Remuera Rackets Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April. Checkout the winners here: [https://squashnz.co.nz/news/index.cfm?content\\_id=5178](https://squashnz.co.nz/news/index.cfm?content_id=5178) as well as the livestream and highlights reels here: [Squash NZ - Home Page of Squash in New Zealand, Play Squash, Get Fit Playing Squash Have fun squash, Latest News](#)

#### **Coaching leadership**

- Applications for the second stage of the HP coach development (New Light) programme will be distributed to eligible coaches soon. The next stage of the programme is a set of live-in residential for a smaller cohort of coaches.
- Foundation practical's have been held in Auckland and Waikato with positive feedback from participants. Another one is scheduled for Te Puke on the 15<sup>th</sup> May, if Districts believe there is demand for these please contact Daniel.



### **End to end pathways**

- PSA Autumn Series – great to see some Australians coming over for the Panmure Open and Auckland Open for some much needed competition against kiwi home-grown talent.
- There is one final PSA 50% prizemoney event available to host before the end of July. There is an interested club Shelley is speaking with at the moment.
- District Development Framework draft is attached for feedback. The group will re-connect to finalise the framework before the end of the month.
- Shelley has been working in partnership with the Henderson Squash Club in the development of a junior pathway model. It gives new players and parents a clear pathway to follow, which will assist in the retention of junior squash players. John Fletcher provided input and feedback. See attached the junior pathway which feeds into the District Development stage of the pathway. If you are interested in implementing a junior pathway model into clubs in your districts please contact Shelley.
- Attached is the Development Camp follow up email to players, held 26/27 April. Shelley received positive feedback from the camp.

### **Grassroots Initiatives**

- A new initiative that will help grassroots organisations fundraise for the things they need is being launched soon. At the height of COVID-19 last year, it became clear there was a need to help sector organisations become more financially resilient. Sport NZ looked overseas and to other industries for new ways to help. Through this came the idea of a digital solution to enable community philanthropy and fundraising. Sport NZ and the New Zealand Sports Foundation Charitable Trust have now teamed up with the Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi to launch BoostedSport. It's a crowdfunding platform that will allow organisations in sport and recreation to fundraise for community projects. Over the next month, the BoostedSport website is being tested to ensure it runs smoothly. During the trial, other organisations and projects can't use the site for fundraising but can register their interest for the next phase. We'll be in touch again in due course once the testing is complete. The next phase will include education and learning about how the new fundraising platform works and how it can help community organisations. Email [kiaora@boostedsport.org.nz](mailto:kiaora@boostedsport.org.nz) if you have any initial questions about BoostedSport.

### **Key Initiatives**

#### **Competition framework and Grading**

- We have 12 people on the refreshed competition working group represented by Willie and Vicki from the Districts.
- *Superchamps*: Cut-off Date! A reminder that Superchamps cut-off is the 11<sup>th</sup> June, this means all player club transfers need to be completed by the 10<sup>th</sup> June to be eligible. Each District needs to approve club transfers so please make sure that these have been approved on the 10<sup>th</sup>! We will be sharing via Social media today as well as the Boast but would appreciate if you could please ensure your clubs are aware. We have started working with the host clubs, a reminder if you are sending a C grade team please get in touch with Brent Taucher to book accommodation asap. They have assured us they have enough accommodation but everyone needs to book asap due to the Blossom festival also on that weekend. Please give Brett a message and he will be able to point you in the right direction for your needs: [tauch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tauch@xtra.co.nz) 0276660805



- *North Island Junior Age Groups and South Island Junior Age groups* are now open for entries. Enter through iSquash. North Islands contact: Kawaroa Park, Kelsey Mackay [kelseymackay96@gmail.com](mailto:kelseymackay96@gmail.com) South Islands contact: Ben Wilkinson, Burnside Squash Club, [bk.wilkinson@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:bk.wilkinson@yahoo.co.nz)
- *Masters Club Team Championships*: Entries are now open for the Masters Club Team Championships – AD Long Cup. It is very likely that Paeroa Squash Club will be used in conjunction with Thames Squash Club due to the overwhelming interest the club has received for this event.
- *Cousins Shield and Mitchell Cup*: A reminder that these entries close on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. Enter via: <https://squashnz.formstack.com/forms/csmc2021>
- *The Oliver Sport New Zealand Squash Championships*: Entries are now open for our premier event of the year via iSquash. Entries close on the 20<sup>th</sup> May where players will then be contacted on the 21<sup>st</sup> May to let them know if they have made the top 32 based off the 20<sup>th</sup> May grading report.
- *2022 Event Calendar*: If you have any feedback regarding the calendar a reminder that this is due in today – Deanna is happy to extend until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May for those yet to provide feedback.

#### **Campaigns**

- World Men's Team Event selection process continues at the upcoming PSA events and NZ Squash Championships.

#### **Updated I.T Platform**

- Presentations from the four shortlisted vendors are happening next week. Marcus is district representative on the panel.

#### **Increased commercial Opportunities**

- *Ball Orders*: We had a great response to ball orders this time around. We are pleased that all of the balls can be delivered, however the majority will be in blister 3 packs rather than dozens. If you haven't received by the end of next week please let us know. Remember we are able to supply balls to clubs for their organised play and competitions, they are not to be resold to members or be part of a Pro Shop.
- *Sharp*: Release attached that will be promoted on the boast. I will be sending to district administrators the details of the offer for photocopier to clubs. It is up to the district to identify and discuss opportunity with the club and then report back via one channel. Details will be included.
- *Racketball*. We will be piloting an offer to only a couple of districts due to product supply shortly (we will start with Waikato due to high interest). We will look to nationally roll out in July-August when supplies will be high.
- *Club Kitchen use, named Club Grub*: We have two districts (BOP and Eastern) that have nominated clubs which we will use as a pilot. Very exciting venture and we will put this offer on hold until the pilot has begun.

#### **2030 Facility Planning & Levy model**

- Working groups are being formed. Currently we have 7 people confirmed for facility planning and 5 on the levy model. We have no one from districts on Facility group hence please email me if you are interested, and Marcus and John are part of the Levy model group.



### **Support Club Capability**

- No update since the last email.

### **[Operational / Business as Usual / Other](#)**

- **Incorporated Societies Bill:** The Incorporated Societies Bill has been introduced to Parliament. It has now been referred to the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee who are asking for submissions on the Bill. Sport NZ encourages you to take the opportunity to review the Bill, make a submission and ask your organisations to do the same given many will be incorporated societies themselves. Submissions close on 28 May. Further information on the submission process is [available here](#)