



TWO NETBALL CENTRES CANCEL REMAINING OFFICIAL WINTER NETBALL SEASON

Following today's 4pm government COVID announcement, advising that the Auckland region will remain in level 4 until at least the 14 September, the Boards of Auckland Netball and Netball North Harbour, have decided that the remaining games of the official winter netball season will not be played with all winter competitions cancelled as from today.

As the two largest netball centres in New Zealand, the overall welfare and safety of our members is always a priority and unfortunately time now is not on our side said Auckland Netball, CEO Dianne Lasenby. We are unable to commence even trainings until alert Level 2 and would need to allow time for players to train again before commencing competitions. On a positive note, our teams have only a few remaining games this season whereas last season teams were only able to complete one or two games.

CEO of Netball North Harbour, Lynette Brady, added "we are as disappointed as everyone that the season has been brought to an early end, however, this decision will allow our schools and clubs to communicate this message to their players and provide certainty moving forward".

Both centres will now focus on planning on some exciting summer leagues for both competitive and social grades, to start in October allowing teams to play more netball this side of Christmas.

With a combined total of over 1600 teams, both centres wish to sincerely thank their players, coaches, managers, umpires, staff, volunteers, and spectators for their patience and look forward to seeing as many as possible playing in the summer leagues, information which will be up available on the respective websites later this week.



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