



**TO: All NSW Chairs and COVID-19 Club Coordinators**  
**FROM: Gareth Hogan, General Manager Operations**  
**RE: NSW Health Update – Extended Lockdown and Competition Update**  
**DATE: 8.30pm – 7 July 2021**

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Dear Chairs and COVID-19 Coordinators,

As I am sure you are all aware, the current lockdown in NSW has been extended for a further week until **at least 11.59pm on Friday 16 July**.

The current stay-at-home orders across all of Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong remain in effect and this means that everyone in Greater Sydney must stay at home unless it is for an essential reason, such as:

- Shopping for food or other essential goods and services;
- Medical care or compassionate needs (people can leave home to have a COVID-19 vaccination unless you have been identified as a close contact);
- Exercise outdoor in groups of 10 or fewer;
- Essential work, or education, where you cannot work or study from home.

Community sport is still not permitted during this period and I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to all of our NSW clubs for your efforts to support the athletes and families during this time.

To view the full restrictions: [CLICK HERE](#)

To view a list of exposure sites: [CLICK HERE](#)

With regards to NSW State competitions, please see page 2 for a memo from the NSW & ACT Chair, Peter Langthorne, addressing upcoming events. Accompanying this mail is also the updated NSW & ACT Sporting calendar for 2021.

We will continue to monitor the updates and provides updates when appropriate. Please stay safe during these times and remember to check into all venues for contact tracing purposes.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 0436 481 485.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Hogan'.

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Following today's announcement, the State Committee engaged with each of the Host Clubs for the upcoming competitions scheduled for July. Having met this evening, the SONSW/ACT State Committee confirms that the following competitions in the table below have been cancelled.

Please inform your Club's Athletes and Volunteers of these cancellations. We will post similar information on the SONSW/ACT Facebook page.

Date	Sport	Host Club	Additional Information
27th June	Bowling	Macarthur	Entries received for this event will be considered as an Athlete has participated in the competition. Therefore, Athletes who intended to participate in this inter-Club competition in order to qualify for the State Competition will qualify.
10th July	Football	Sydney South	Every endeavour is being made to reschedule this event to allow this competition to go ahead.
17th July	Bowling	Central Coast	Entries received for this event will be considered as an Athlete has participated in the competition. Therefore, Athletes who intended to participate in this inter-Club competition in order to qualify for the State Competition will qualify.
18th July	Swimming	Sydney Hills	Every endeavour is being made to reschedule this event to allow this competition to go ahead prior to the State Competition.
17th-18th July	Gymnastics	Gymnastics NSW	Cancelled by Gymnastics NSW
24th-25th July	Basketball	Illawarra	This competition has been cancelled, with one other competition scheduled prior to State. Please send entries in for this competition. Payment will not be charged on entries received.
24th July	Golf	Sydney South	Every endeavour will be made to reschedule this event to allow for competition experience prior to the State Competition.
25th July	Bocce	Macarthur	Entries received for this event will be considered as an Athlete has participated in the competition. Therefore, Athletes who intended to participate in this inter-Club competition in order to qualify for the State Competition will qualify.

We will be following the Criteria for Advancement to Higher Level Competition as listed in the [Special Olympics Article 1](#) (page 17) to support athletes that have entered a cancelled inter-club competition to progress to State:

### 13. CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT TO HIGHER LEVEL COMPETITION

#### 13.2 Eligibility for Advancement

13.2.2 An athlete or team for which there has been no competition opportunity at a Tournament or Games shall be eligible to advance to the next level of competition if one or more of the following criteria apply:

13.2.2.2 The opportunity to provide equitable competition within the Program structure is low or non-existent;

Kind regards

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