

## Sport News

***ALL Sports was **CANCELLED** due to the recent Covid-19 Level 2 Alert - no Sports Results***

**Covid Updates:** Within all sport codes the news everywhere is pretty much the same "Taihoa" as everyone waits to hear the latest updates from the prime minister. All codes will have a plan A, plan B and plan C generating for whatever the outcomes maybe. So have a little comfort that as much as it may look like last minute decision making, pre-plans are being organised.

### ***Te Kura Rautau Sport Training***

#### **NETBALL**

***Netball training*** for CP MANAWA will still go ahead but we will keep it within the school bubble and train on The CP School Astro-Court from 3.30pm - 4.30/5pm on Wednesdays afternoons.

An extra training at lunchtime on Tuesdays has been added for the

Eddie Alcock Tournament, of course, all pending the Covid updates  
PLEASE bring shoes.

#### **RUGBY**

***Rugby training*** for CP KĀHIKA will continue on The CP School Field from 3.30pm - 4.30/5pm on Monday afternoon.

TWoM Chiefs will continue with their training on The CP School Field from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Please read the training information (next page) for Rugby, we will be adapting those guidelines within our Netball training too.

**BE SAFE - BE KIND - BE HEALTHY - BE STRONG**

Afternoon all,

*King Country Rugby Union has made the decision to declare Taumarunui Districts as the Waitomo Group Ltd 2020 Snr Club Champions going unbeaten & taking out the 1<sup>st</sup> Round Ron Bryers Trophy.*

The Meads Shield and 1st Division play offs has been cancelled due to the country being in Level 2. The feedback from the community has been that some parties do not feel safe playing with the threat of the virus potentially being out there, and that there is a real issue trying to find a game where Level 2 guidelines can be followed Safely. The North vs. South {Rams Trial} game will be played as scheduled on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1.30pm Rugby Park Te Kuiti. Rams Coach Isaac Boss will name these teams as soon as possible so training can commence.

All Secondary School and Junior Rugby will commence in Level 1, as soon as there is a date for that amended draws will be distributed. All teams can keep training as long as the NZ Rugby hygiene protocols are followed.

KCRU will continue to deliver rugby in the schools and will reschedule the cancelled rippa tournaments as soon as possible after the alert levels have gone down.

We understand that this announcement will make many disappointed, but the main objective has to be the safety of all King Country Rugby stakeholders. Rugby is a contact sport and if there is any chance that Covid-19 could be present in our community we have to take that seriously. The main concern has been how to keep the players/referees safe on the field and how to control the crowd size/hygiene protocols following the Level 2 guidelines for Sport. We believe it is too big of an ask to place our volunteers in the situation where they have to be responsible for that and these rules are adhered to. Remember we have been fortunate to have many weeks of rugby played where many other countries haven't, and we are hoping by pressing pause for a couple weeks we will see more weeks of rugby played in the 2020 season.

In Rugby, Josh



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