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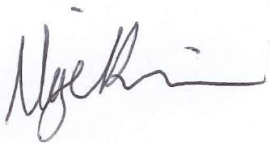
Following the recent government announcement that organisations are no longer mandated to check vaccination certificates from April 4th, Bowls Wellington will no longer require clubs hosting Centre events to be 'vaccinated' premises. This means that from April 4th unvaccinated members of the community will also be entitled to play in Centre events. This brings Bowls Wellington in line with Bowls NZ policy and also current aligns with the messaging coming out from Sport New Zealand around sport being accessible to all. While not without risk, the easing of restrictions, a high level of vaccination within our community and good mitigation strategies now practiced at most bowling clubs, we are confident this move is in the best interests of the game here in Wellington.

Clubs now have an important decision as to whether they will remain a 'vaccinated' club or not. Clubs are entitled to make this decision for themselves and obviously this decision will have implications around what events a club can/cannot hold. All clubs have been asked to let Bowls Wellington know of their intention so that we can plan the remainder of the season accordingly.

Refunds

As we have already received entries for the BCITO Easter Pairs and Open Triples under the previous requirement that players and clubs operate under vaccine regulations, we will refund anyone who now wishes to withdraw from these events due the easing of entry restrictions. The deadline for a refund is 5pm April 4th for the BCITO Easter Pairs, and 5pm April 11th for the Open Triples. This is to ensure any withdrawals are made prior to a draw being created.

Kind regards,



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On behalf of the Board of Bowls Wellington

