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The Board of Bowls Wellington have been engaging with Bowls NZ, players from our representative teams and management over the last week and have decided, unfortunately, that we cannot, in good faith send a team to Auckland for the upcoming National Intercentre and have therefore decided to withdraw from the event.

The current escalation in Covid numbers throughout the country and in particular Auckland leaves the players, officials and tournament at high risk. The risks are not only in catching the disease, but also the greater implications around returning home, self-isolation, associated financial and employment costs, the integrity of selections and the potential risk of bringing Covid back into the Wellington bowling community.

For similar reasons, the Board has also made the decision to withdraw both the Wellington and Hutt Valley's Masters teams from their tournament scheduled for March 6/7.

Although disappointing, we would like to thank our selectors and the playing group for their understanding and their cooperation and support through the process to ensure the right outcome.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Dixon', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Nigel Dixon

On behalf of the Board of Bowls Wellington