



Covid-19 Q and A, March 18, 2020

Why has this decision been made?

It has been made in accordance with New Zealand Football's guidelines, which have been decided based on consultation with both the seven federations of New Zealand football, and with consultation of Sport New Zealand and the other National Sports Organisations.

Will the season start on May 2?

Games will be rescheduled to start on May 2, but Capital Football cannot rule out further delays to the start of the season.

Why May 2?

This allows us to have enough time to delay to get a sense of what is happening with Covid-19. The message from the government is that it will get worse before it gets better, so an April start to the season would have been unfeasible in the current climate.

Can we train?

Capital Football and New Zealand Football would strongly recommend that clubs cancel training until at least two weeks before the start of the season, which currently sits at May 2. If the season were to be postponed again, the two-week window would be postponed with it.

Does this apply to all grades and ages?

Yes.

What will happen to coaching courses and referee courses? These have been postponed with the same timeframes as the competitions. They will likely restart once the two-week window for training begins.

Does this include Futsal?

Yes, all Futsal competitions operated by Capital Football will fall under the same guidelines and have been cancelled immediately. Further communication about these leagues will come out in due course.

What is the refund policy?

Under the current May 2 start date, Capital Football is confident of completing a full season for all, with the co-operation of council and the summer sport codes around grounds. The season may move into September. Refunds and reduced fees may apply if the season is delayed further.

What will happen to the club chair's meeting and AGM?

These are likely to be postponed. The AGM will take place by the end of May but may be done via Zoom. Further information regarding these dates will be released shortly.

Should meetings at clubs still take place?

In accordance with New Zealand Football's recommendations, we highly recommend these are postponed, cancelled or conducted via conference call or conference platform.



Can we still access council grounds and facilities?

Capital Football is in constant contact with all the relevant bodies for sport in the region, but please refer to council resources for more information for the availability of grounds.

Will the Chatham Cup, National League, Women's Cup go ahead?

We are unsure as to the status of these competitions and are waiting for information from New Zealand Football regarding this.