



COVID-19: Community rugby league to enter 'Get Ready' period, activity still postponed.

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With New Zealand moving to Alert Level 2 tonight, New Zealand Rugby League stresses the fact this does not mean a return to rugby league activity yet.

NZRL asks the rugby league community to adhere to a 'Get Ready' period for a minimum of two weeks, subject to further government update on numbers permitted for grassroots sport.

This is in light of Sport NZ today confirming that the 10-person gathering limit now applies to all community sport.

With this in mind, there will be **NO** rugby league activity, training (contact and non-contact) or playing permitted during this 'Get Ready' period.

During the 'Get Ready' period we recommend clubs take the time to plan the measures that need to be taken to ensure their facility is able to prepare for a safe return to rugby league.

These measures include what 'must' be done such as contact tracing, physical distancing & hygiene and sanitation requirements. We will release further information on the mandatory requirements in the next 24 hours.

NZRL is looking at a three-phased approach return to rugby league:

- Get Ready
- Prepare to Play
- Return to Play

This approach is based off the Government recommendation of a considered return to community sport and is supported by all six winter codes; Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball and Rugby Union.

We will advise in due course when we can enter the 'Prepare to Play' phase and what this looks like in regards to training. Timings will be subject to government updates on numbers permitted for grassroots sport.

Once again, we thank you for your patience and understanding during this time and will provide further information on the phased approach in due course.