



# New Zealand Indoor Bowls Inc

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The NZIB are very aware of the added pressure and hurdles that will face all our Districts and Clubs in the 2021 season.

We see from time to time comments and views from a number of our members on social media, who are asking questions or looking for information and sharing their views.

In some cases, these views are the same, but we do see a lot of times where there are a number of different views shared. We also expect that there are a lot of members who don't voice their views after reading some of the others.

I have always said that it is great for people to share views on different matters and it is also important to listen to others. I normally read most posts and comments (as long as they have some form of constructive criticism and it isn't just a long thread of complaints and arguments) but have never commented as I believe that I shouldn't try to sway any views and to remain in a position to be able to listen and see what everyone has to say.

Maybe now is the time for change and maybe now we need to speak up and be heard.

The Executive have always had to make decisions for our game, some easy and some very hard. All have a lot of time and thought go into them and each time there is a decision made it is with the hope that it will make for the betterment of our sport, not just for today and tomorrow but for many years to come and hopefully for the generations to follow.

So we have decided, in what may be a first for our sport, to come to you. If it is hard for our members to attend our AGM's then we are prepared to livestream, from our meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> October, a conversation that will answer questions as well as put our views across. This won't be just a platform for our message and we would invite anyone who has something to ask to do so.



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Any question can be sent to our email [office@nzindoorbowls.co.nz](mailto:office@nzindoorbowls.co.nz) by 9<sup>th</sup> October and we will do our best to answer as many of them as possible.

We will be able to have comments on the day and will again look to answer those as well.

To start things off we will talk about how 2020 ended up and what we can take from this. We will also spend time talking about our events, both old and any new concepts to look forward to, and this will include the Paterson / Welch format.

We will also spend time on our finances and where we sit with Sport NZ as well as other sponsors.

We have nothing to hide and we need to remember that the Executive members aren't here for the fame and fortune, but are here to do the best for our sport to survive.

More information on time will be given closer to the day after we assess the questions and feedback requested

Take care.

Michael Lawson  
Acting NZIB President