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**DATE:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Re: Postponement of 2023 World Lacrosse Men's World Championship Asia Pacific Qualifier**

**Decision**

The APLU Board met (on Tuesday 28 September 2021) and, with all factors considered, made a decision to postpone the Qualifier for the WL WC 2023.

These were as scheduled for April 2022 in New Zealand.

They are now being evaluated for potential October 2022 scheduling in New Zealand.

**Considerations**

Key to this decision has been the current and short-term outlook within the region due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This has the dual considerations of travel and quarantine impositions (a summary of which is listed in Attachment-1).

The prior survey and Town Hall meeting with Members involved (held over 06/2021) required a minimum lead time for competing teams of 6 months prior to the event – this could not be achieved at this time with that condition fulfilled.

It is acknowledged that WL requested that any postponement be deferred to December 2021 (per email of 07/21). However, that was not possible due to the (outlined above) member needs.

The current NZ criteria arising from COVID-19 is entry is restricted to NZ citizens only and with a mandatory 14 day quarantine period applying to them. No foreseeable variation can be accurately projected for planning purposes. Changes to NZ entry as well as other similar requirements in the regions will not be fully know until later in the year or early next year.

The competing member countries all required no quarantine conditions to apply. These conditions are not unique to NZ (refer to Attachment-1).

It must be understood that there are assumptions that will still need to be made for 2022 re-scheduling due to the anticipated COVID-19 pandemic impacts. As an example, Air NZ has just now announced that it will require all passengers to be fully vaccinated to travel.

The APLU Board will work with the impacted members and WL to achieve the best possible planning outcome.

The Board believed it most equitable to initially provide the New Zealand Lacrosse (NZL) with the priority option to attempt re-scheduling of this event. Hence that decision was made and will be implemented. There are new considerations that NZL will need to take into account and that fact is accepted.



The Board will work with NZL to arrive at the earliest sound decision based upon the best researched conditions that provide a solid planning basis.

**Further Action required**

- Notifying APLU Member countries of this postponement as previously committed to (for making this decision by the end of September) at a prior Town Hall meeting.
- Notifying WL initially of this decision and seeking WL exemption from the 12 months nominated lead time.
- Working with NZL to evaluate the rescheduling to October 2022 with targeted completion by 30 November 2021 at the latest. If this can be achieved, then commit to that plan. If it cannot be achieved then, at the earliest opportunity, seeking an alternative arrangement from within the APLU membership.
- Then notifying Members and WL of the confirmed re-scheduling and finalized arrangement.
- Then working with all APLU members involved and WL to ensure a successful progression to the running of that event.

On behalf of APLU Board,

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**Attachment-1** “Resilience Sep-2021.docx” WORD attachment.

- Covid Resilience Ranking published by Bloomberg in Sep-2021.
- Note that most of our members are ranked low in the list.

#19 Singapore	#20 Hong Kong	#23 China	#26 South Korea	#29 Japan
#34 Australia	#38 New Zealand	#42 Taiwan	#45 India	#49 Indonesia
#50 Thailand	#51 Malaysia	#52 Vietnam	#53 Philippines	

**Reference-1**

The International Olympic Committee on Wednesday (29/09) offered a first glimpse of the COVID-19 protocols that will be in place at the upcoming 2022 Winter Games in Beijing – including lengthy quarantines for unvaccinated participants, daily COVID-19 testing and the absence of international spectators.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/olympics/2021/09/29/2022-winter-olympics-beijing-only-allow-chinese-spectators/591890001/>

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