



STATEMENT INDOOR WORLD CUP 2020 and COVID-19

Due to the current Coronavirus situation and after extensive consultation with the WICF Board and the countries attending, a decision has been made to postpone the 2020 Indoor World Cup Tournament to 2021.

Our proposed postponed dates will be September/ October 2021, still to be held in Melbourne Australia. We are hopeful by giving this a full year that this will give us more certainty around this event.

This decision has not been taken lightly, especially knowing the amount of preparation by athletes, coaches, officials and administration that has gone into this event. However the safety and wellbeing of all our participants is paramount.

The WICF board has made the decision under these extenuating circumstances that the two under age grades (21 and under Boys and 21 and under girls) **and only for this event** will now move from the current 21 and under age at the end of the tournament to 22 and under age at the end of the event. This will mean all players that were looking to attend in these age groups will still have the opportunity to participate in the postponed tournament in 2021.

WICF Board had awarded the 2021 Junior World Series to South Africa, as we are very keen to see the juniors grade keep on track we are exploring the possibility of including this event into the World Cup in Australia in 2021. This will take some time to finalise as there is a lot of logistics to sort. Please remain patient with us while we come to a solution that can work for everyone.

WICF will be monitoring the situation particularly around COVID -19 and reviewing on a regular basis.

Please stay safe, look after each other and I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

Best regards

Tony Watkins | President

World Indoor Cricket Federation

