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### **UPDATE ON INDOOR WORLD CUP AND JUNIOR WORLD SERIES IN 2021.**

As the world continues to struggle with Covid-19 and in these unprecedented times the WICF Board met to discuss the way forward for Indoor Cricket and our international calendar.

Amateur international sport has been one of the hardest hit by this current situation we all find ourselves in. Each of our counties are in differing stages of lock down / alerts. International travel is currently not an option for amateur teams. Having said that the world is slowly opening with many travel bubbles already in existence. The Board met and discussed a model that could enable us to hold our World Cups / World Series and determine some time frames for these.

The main parameters that we talked about are as follows:

1. Health and Safety of our players and officials is paramount.
2. Our aim is not to exclude any country from competing in our events.
3. No quarantine in either direction.
4. Is it financially viable (i.e. are airfares and restrictions financially prohibitive?)

As the situation is very fluid and is changing rapidly on a weekly / monthly basis the Board felt it was important to release an initial plan for 2021. The Board has committed to meet monthly and send out updates in the form of these releases.

While the WICF continues to evaluate the viability of holding these events in 2021 we have proposed the following:

#### **World Cup 2021 Australia 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Grades: Open Men's and Women's. 22 and Under Boy's and Girls** as per the release earlier in the year

*"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."*

#### **Junior World Series 2021 Australia 25<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

**Grades: 13, 15, 17 and under Boys and 17 and Under 17 Girls**

As a Board we are very aware to keep Indoor Cricket going, that we are all going to need to support our local centres. They have been hit hard all round the world. We would encourage you, once it is safe in your county, to get out and play in your local centre's competitions.

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

Best regards

Tony Watkins and the WICF Board

World Indoor Cricket Federation

