

USAS Coronavirus Update March 17 2020

Dear USA Swimming member,

Since first communicating with our members about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have received ample feedback, much of it focused on the safety measures being recommended. We sincerely appreciate the comments and responses you are sharing.

As of today, the CDC and White House are urging a nationwide halt to gatherings of more than 10 people for the next eight weeks, citing the risk of the coronavirus. This includes avoiding eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts, and discretionary travel, shopping trips and social visits. This should also include team training and practices.

In light of the current situation, beyond the previously announced cancellation of the TYR Pro Swim Series at Mission Viejo and the postponement of the combined Open Water National and Junior National Championships, **USA Swimming is mandating the cancellation of all its sanctioned events across the U.S. through April 30, 2020.** This will be continuously reassessed based on health and governmental authorities' information.

Beyond our clubs and teams, we can all play an important part in helping to curb the spread of COVID-19.

We encourage you to visit our website often for the most-up-to-date news and information: [www.usaswimming.org/coronavirus](http://www.usaswimming.org/coronavirus).

Thank you,  
USA Swimming

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To Local Swimming Committees,

As noted in yesterday's membership communication, we remain committed to taking the appropriate steps to best address the health and safety of our athletes, members, staff and volunteers.

Since first communicating with our members about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have received ample feedback, much of it focused on the safety measures being recommended.

Steps were taken by USA Swimming to suspend events and gatherings at the National level, with strong recommendations for LSC's and clubs to also do so at the local level. We are aware that several chose to continue to host events as scheduled.

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In light of the current situation, the USA Swimming Board of Directors has taken immediate emergency action to revoke all existing USA Swimming sanctions and suspend granting future sanctions. Therefore, **we are mandating the cancellation of all USA Swimming sanctioned events across the U.S. through April 30, 2020.** Prior to the end of April 2020, the Board will evaluate whether to extend the suspension period. This will be continuously reassessed based on health and governmental authorities' information.

In the interim, LSC's should take appropriate steps to reevaluate their sanction processes and adjust them as needed to limit foreseeable penalties for late or delayed sanctioning applications.

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Should you have any questions, please direct them to USA Swimming Managing Director of Sport Development Joel Shinofield – [jshinofield@usaswimming.org](mailto:jshinofield@usaswimming.org).

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