

March 19, 2020

Dear Club Presidents and Head Coaches

UPDATE STATEMENT – SWIM ALBERTA: MARCH 19 – COVID-19 – Extension to Sanction Suspension, Expected Timeline for New Decisions and Swim-A-Thon

Swim Alberta along with Swimming Canada, all other provincial sections (PSO) and the Canadian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association met Wednesday March 18th and agreed to the following additional decisions and announcements outlined below.

- **SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS AND TIME TRIALS:** The moratorium on sanctioned competitions has been **extended until at least April 30, 2020** after initially being announced last week as April 20. Sanctioned competitions scheduled for prior to this date must be cancelled immediately. **This includes the Alberta Masters Provincials Competition scheduled for April 24 – 25.**
- **EXPECTED TIMELINES:** Swim Alberta in working with Swimming Canada and all PSO's will provide a **further update by April 6 on the possibility of competitions beyond April 30th.**
- **SWIM-A-THON:** An announcement on the 2020 Swim-a-thon program will be provided by Swimming Canada in the coming days. Swim Alberta will work directly with those clubs that are participating in the Swim-A-Thon program to provide answers to the questions they have raised and provide more information with regards to advancing funds raised to clubs as soon as Swim Alberta is able.

Swim Alberta will further be postponing the following programs and services to align with the April 30th moratorium on sanctioning:

- All NCCP Courses, including Community Coach and Swimming 101 that were slated to run in March and April. Swim Alberta will reach out directly to all registered participants to advise them of this change and work to place them in future courses. Full refunds will be provided where needed. Swim Alberta is also exploring the possibility of offering courses in an online format. As information on this becomes available it will be shared with the membership.
- The Discover Camps, scheduled for April 5th in Calgary and Edmonton.
- The Referee Clinic scheduled for March 25, with a new date to be determined in the future.

The health and safety of our membership as well as the health and safety of the larger community remains our number one priority. A reminder that an information page has been established on the Swim Alberta website, where we will continue to post the updates we send to club, and any other relevant information around COVID-19 that our membership needs to be aware of. [LINK TO UPDATES](#)

Swim Alberta remains committed to ensuring our membership is provided with new updates on changing information along with providing additional information in response to questions coming from clubs. The situation continues to evolve and change quickly, and Swim Alberta in working with our partners has had to respond and make decisions quickly. Please feel free to reach out directly to myself with any questions you may have by email at: chumphrey@swimalberta.ca or by phone at 780-415-1780.

Kind regards,
Cheryl Humphrey – Executive Director