

Notes from the Coaches Call:

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1. Update from Claude and U of M

- All events are canceled until June 30th. Summer session (July-September) is up in the air right now. Weekly meetings with Bison Sports so that the sports are staying updated.
- All events currently cancelled for spring. NO individual training is allowed on campus period, end of story. U of M is off-limits.
- Bison Strength and Conditioning has created a strength training program for Bison Athletes, currently all those with access to the HP training room have it. Claude to confirm that it can be shared with all other members (as well as new Team members) if it hasn't already been shared with them.
- It is almost certain that there will be budget implications moving into next season. We won't know the severity until later.
- Training – There are other facilities around the city. Many are on school division property so it's hard to say what restrictions and security measures will be in place.
 - Ex: Victor Mager is on Louis Riel property and has a playground in the middle of it. All playgrounds are shut down, so it's hard to say right now how those will be managed.

2. U20 + Senior Nationals

- We requested clarity on “postponement” of the June event.
- While the AC website states that Trials are postponed, it has been confirmed that the U20 and Senior National Championships have in fact been cancelled.
- i.e. The Tokyo Olympic trials are postponed until next year, but the 2020 National Championships for U20 and Senior athletes will not take place this summer.

3. Legion Nationals

- Status of Legion Nationals is still undecided
- May 1st is a proposed decision date, based on the fact that it would allow for an 8 week window of hypothetical training time prior to the first scheduled Provincial Championship event. (Thus in principle it would allow for adequate training for all Provinces prior to Legions).
 - We noted that a large chunk of our athletes have confirmed zero access to training facilities until June 30th (due to U of M closures). At this time we don't have confirmation of length of closures in Selkirk or Brandon, but truly don't imagine they will open earlier.....
 - Many Provinces have said they are ok with waiting until May 1 for decision because many groups aren't training yet anyway. However, Alberta wants Legions to flat out cancel in order to help stop people from making potentially dangerous choices in the name of training.
 - With updated information from MB, there is could be an alternative deadline of April 16th- as it is the next Legion Board Meeting.
- Discussion
 - Noted that it is unlikely parents would allow athletes to travel, even if we are able to run events locally. It is also unlikely they would be ready to compete Nationally.

4. MB Games

- Status of MB Games is still undecided.
 - Noted that it is again very unlikely that parent would be willing to send athletes.
 - Putting people in a dangerous situation and not worth the risk.
- If AM staff were to guess, we would say that lack of announcement is due to the Sport MB decision around whether to postpone Games or to fully cancel the Games.

5. Summer Competitions – Hypothetical options and back up plans
 - Based on current knowledge and trends we have to make the call that Tri-province will not happen- Not enough time to adequately train or get ready for a Provincial Event. (Update as of Friday, this has been communicated to SK and they agreed).
 - Similar thoughts in regard to the original Age Class date. It's not realistic that the first competition back be Provincials.
 - That means the options are to either look at changing the July/August schedule around so that we have a mini outdoor season, or we can cancel the entire season.
 - **Consensus from those in attendance is that there is definitely a desire to have a summer season, even if it short. No one wants the summer to completely disappear.**
 - Alanna and Noelle will create an updated draft plan for July/August and will circulate along with minutes from this meeting.
 - Maintain competition date of July 10-11th as a “shake off the cobwebs” style event.
 - Perhaps schedule 1 or 2 evening Grand Prix/Summer Jam style events
 - Look at the weekend of July 24-25th as an additional competition
 - And then depending on what gets finalized regarding MB Games and Legion Nationals, we may have two additional weekends to work with.
 - Everything will be a draft and open to feedback. Basic goal is to have a plan, a back up plan, and a contingency plan for the back up plan. 😊
 - **UPDATE FROM FRIDAY APRIL 3rd** – On call with other Provincial Branches, many aim to provide a 3 week training window prior to any competitions that may get scheduled upon resumption of activities.
6. AGM – June, will need to be online
 - We are working on the details and logistics of that and will distribute in May.
7. Performance Pathway and Club funding (aka: old bingo funding)
 - Status is generally unknown at this time. We will need to revise and update both of these programs once we have solid information. For now, they are unfortunately in limbo.
8. It was decided that we would maintain this practice and schedule calls on a bi-weekly basis moving forward. (Unless we need to call one earlier!)

UPDATES as of FRIDAY APRIL 3rd, these items were not discussed on the call.

INSURANCE NOTE #1 (UPDATE as of FRIDAY APRIL 3rd, This was not discussed on the call) – There was an update from Sport MB regarding liability insurance coverage for coaches when conducting “Virtual Training” with athletes. Originally this was NOT covered under the existing policy, but it has now been added (AM Office had to submit a questionnaire). Moving forward all coaches will be provided with a disclaimer that must be used prior to any virtual training. ALSO there can be no “live streaming” of workouts. I.e. a group workout via Zoom, or Skype = OK but a Instagram Live video = NO. (In terms of liability insurance coverage).

INSURANCE NOTE #2 – Athletics Manitoba has decided to suspend it's Accident Insurance coverage for the time being. This is secondary insurance only for members, and due to the lack of current events/programs/training it works out to a substantial monthly savings.

INSURANCE NOTE #3 - There will be a communication out to members and coaches specifically related to Insurance and the new required use of the disclaimer.