

## Notes from the Coaches/Partner Call- April 30<sup>th</sup>

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### 1. Updates from the U of M:

- The U of M has started distributing the final grades for students. Bison Sports and the U of M are currently in the clarification processes surrounding academic eligibility for the coming year.
- Canada West Updates:
  - CanWest XC and Track and Field Championships are status quo for the time being. However, all four provincial governments must be on the same page and free of restrictions. If MB/SK ease up on their restrictions, but AB/BC are still strict on theirs, then this would impact all of Canada West.
  - Information on practices: More information is needed in order to make decisions on this level.
- Facilities:
  - Nothing yet regarding access to facilities.

### MB/CAN Summer Games & Provincial Teams

- **MB Games:**
  - 2020 Manitoba Summer Games have been postponed to July 11-17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - Coaching Staff will remain the same and AM will continue to recruit coaches to fill the staff.
  - Age Category changes: 2005's will no longer be eligible for the 2021 Games.
- **Canada Summer Games:**
  - Prior to the lockdown, we had everything drafted up in terms of CSG Team Selection, Information, etc. Due to the cancellation of the majority of our summer season, we have to re-vamp our information and selection criteria to now take into the account the changes.
    - It was part of Sport MB's Policy that sports have 2-selection meets to determine the Canada Summer Games team. Given the circumstances, we believe it is unrealistic to require 2 selection events.
    - We have brought this concern up to Sport MB-Games and they will be meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss this more.
    - There are certainly options, but if we are required to maintain 2 selection events we will need to do some substantial revisions to our process. (Which will then unfortunately delay the release of information to athletes).
  - Special Olympics is using their provincial games in June 11-13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as their Special O selection trials.
- **Tri-Province:**
  - Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan are all dealing with the postponement of their own Summer Games'. Right now, the dates of postponement are: MB – July 11-17<sup>th</sup>, and SK – 18<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Discussion Point:
    - Based on these constraints, as well as the 2021 Outdoor Competition Calendar as a whole, it is hard to predict the future of the event at this time.
    - We need to look into this further: review the overall 2021 competition calendar, look for any gaps and determine which age categories would most benefit from an additional competition opportunity.
    - This all must be done in conjunction with AB and SK.

### Performance Pathway

- Performance Pathway funding is still very much up in the air and dependent on the overall funding confirmation we hope to receive from Sport MB. We have to submit our updated funding applications by the end of the week and we will hopefully hear something shortly thereafter.
- There have been a few scenarios that are up for discussion:
  - a. *Creating indoor standards that would be in place for the 2020-2021 indoor season.*

- i. We would have to create new indoor standards for some events, since our existing standards are based off a percentage of the Athletics Canada CAPP carding standards.
    - ii. This scenario would require special consideration for outdoor-only events (i.e Javelin, Steeplechase, etc).
  - b. *Creating the same indoor standards as above but look at previous performance from 2019-2020 Indoor season.*
    - i. We would still have to create new indoor standards for some events, since our existing standards are based off a percentage of the Athletics Canada CAPP carding standards.
    - ii. This scenario again would require special consideration for outdoor-only events (i.e Javelin, Steeplechase, etc).
  - c. *Automatic consideration - Anyone who got funding in the Summer of 2019 would receive the same tier of funding for 2020-2021.*
  - d. *Nobody gets funding this year*
- None of these options are perfect. We will need to pull together a working group to finalize a preferred option.
  - ALL scenarios may require to pro-rated individual funding amounts if we don't have the normal revenue that we need to sustain the program.
  - We may need to (as a group) consider where our priorities will fall for this year:
    - Local Competitions, Provincial Team Travel, Athlete Funding.

#### **Facility and Back to competition Updates (Return to Sport):**

- Sport Manitoba requires Athletics Manitoba to create and submit a return to sport proposal. Once completed, this proposal will be submitted to the Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Brent Roussin who will then determine if it is adequate to follow-through with.
  - **No activity can resume until our plan is reviewed by Dr. Roussin.**
- U of M Facility:
  - There is no update from the U of M at this time. Their previously noted closure date was until June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - It was also recently communicated that they would plan to provide 4 weeks notice of any changes, so the EARLIEST we could see any action would HYPOTHETICALLY be early June.
  - NOTE: At this time, there has be NO communication to indicate they will open early than the previously stated July 2<sup>nd</sup>. As soon as we hear anything, we will let everyone know.
- If U of M remains closed, but other parks/venues become available and restrictions are lifted, then we can certainly plan and coordinate accordingly.
  - Whether in Wpg or elsewhere in the province, whatever happens, we will still need to make sure that there are no large groups of training groups here.
  - Even if the entire Athletics community schedules and coordinates accordingly, there are still going to be groups from the general public at these parks.
- When we DO return to training, there will HAVE to be certain restrictions. We are working with Sport MB and Athletics Canada to sort out what those are/need to be.
  - Hand sanitizers
  - Social distancing guidelines
  - Creating training spaces and segregated training times for each group
- Bottom line as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021:
  - Right now, there is no sanctioned training/activities.
  - We need to focus on creating our Return to Sport plan and then get permission from MB Government before we can sanction anything.

### **Additional Points/Questions:**

1. Athletics Canada may be working on some return to play plans, this could be something that we follow; however, Athletics Canada typically recommends that provincial branches follow their provincial rules before national rules.
2. Universities and States Schooling:
  - a. Universities are still planning on resuming by September 1<sup>st</sup>, but there will be a lot more online classes offered.
  - b. Many students who go to school in the States have not heard anything yet. Hard to say whether borders even be open by then.
3. Equipment:
  - a. Coaches may be able to request permission to retrieve their own equipment. However this is NOT an opportunity for all to access Athletics MB property. (Reminder – no sanctioned activities at this time).
  - b. Claude will look into this process and options and get back to the group.
4. Officials:
  - a. We need to maintain communication with our officials. Also consider that many may not be interested or willing to resume activities this summer.
  - b. If our competition season happened in July/August, would our officials even be interested in officiating our track events?
    - i. Based on the survey that was send out to the membership on Monday, we did ask if officials would be interested in officiating over the summer. The majority answered yes. (But admittedly a small sample size so far).
  - c. Online Officiating modules are available, so we need to distribute that to parents, volunteers and officials! Might as well try to get people to take some basic introductory training,.
5. Coaches:
  - a. 1 final LF facilitator training at 9AM Friday 9 (May 1<sup>st</sup>). Following this, Wayne, Ming, Alanna, and Noelle will coordinate our local schedule.
  - b. Coaches can access training offered from other provinces as well!

### **Immediate to-do list:**

- Return to Sport Plan: UPDATE & Submit
- CSG Selection Process Updates
- Performance Pathway Conversation