



March 13, 2020

Dear TAAF Coaches,

I am very sad and disappointed to inform you that the TAAF State office has decided that we must cancel all March competitions at this time and will be re-scheduling two of the three state meets initially. USAG has cancelled ALL sanctioned competitions through to March 31. All agree that some of these event decisions are based partly on a knee jerk reaction to the rest of the athletic events and community but in the best interest of our TAAF organization it seems the most prudent and responsible decision to make based on both personal responsibility as well as liability. Mark Lord and our state organization has only the best interest of all the athletes and all the sports in their sights and it was the most reasonable call given the current climate. We live in Texas and the weather here will indeed get warmer and that may help in the containment and arrest of the increase in virus cases but nonetheless, the future is not ours to predict with absolute certainty. We are going to make an effort to preserve our state meets but on re scheduled dates with the exception of the 4-8/XG,XP,XD on the last weekend of April which may barely fall under the radar of risk. If that radar changes then that meet will move as well.

So far the state schedule will be:

Level 4-8 and XG/P/D - April 25-26 - at Whitney

Level 1/2/XB - May 2/3 - at Trevino's

Level 3p / XS - May 16/17 - at Irving

***IF we need to move Level 4-8 and Xcel G/P/D then it would be helpful on May 9/10

*** YOU SHOULD ENTER ALL MEETS YOU INTEND TO ENTER RIGHT NOW. Any clubs already entered but unable to accommodate the new date should contact the meet director immediately for a refund.

***Any athlete who relied on any of the cancelled March qualifiers in order to qualify for state will be petitioned into state without question.

**** In the event that any of the state meets are at a participation level below what is necessary to make the meet viable then the TAAF program will reserve the right to cancel that meet outright in order to protect the meet host from financial loss. In that case, of course, all meet fees will be refunded.

*** Our athlete banquet must also be postponed (if possible). The TAAF State office will be looking into re scheduling for Saturday June 14 or 20 or even Sunday afternoon June 15 or 21. Obviously, if the state meets are cancelled then the banquet is cancelled as well.

We are not alone. Many other entities have had to suffer similar cancellations,disappointment and financial loss. We cannot control these cards we have been dealt but perhaps we can be creative and clever in how we play them.

I will also post this notice on our webpage and will ask an administrator of our facebook page to post there as well. March meets will need to refund all entries. I know you all are operating in your own facilities and do not have to rent equipment so that is a blessing. Hopefully you can return any awards purchased or save for next year. Again, I am so very sorry for this directive from our state office but their decisions are based on the good of the entire sports program and we are not the only sport in this directive. I have a really tiny gym of 100 students so I appreciate the need for supplemental income from hosted gym meets. My own gym's state meet is at risk as well. It will be a blow but frankly, we promote that we teach our children the lessons in failure and the push for the will to succeed. We are all doing that right now. Our highest level athletes in the country are at risk of losing the meet they have yearned for for perhaps a career - the meet that is the culmination of a childs' life dedicated to our sport. In those terms, our disappointment pales in comparison. Let us pray for those who have been infected or are ill. Keep yourself healthy by practicing good hygiene habits and continue to rejoice that we are involved in the greatest sport in the world.

If you need to talk I am available at 254-221-2177.

Warmest regards,
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