

TO: All SCS JO Participants, Coaches, Parents and Officials
FROM: Rose Bowl Aquatics Center
RE: Short Course JO's and coronavirus update

DATE: Monday, March 9, 2020

It is with tremendous disappointment and out of concern for everyone involved in this weekend's upcoming meet, that the decision has been made to indefinitely postpone the short course JO's scheduled for March 12-15 at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center.

While there isn't evidence that swimmers, coaches, officials, spectators or Center staff are at increased risk of contracting COVID-19 by attending this event, the overwhelming concern of public safety and well-being, along with a perceived increase of risk of transmission and public perception have led us to this conclusion.

We know that there are many of you who will be exceedingly frustrated by this news, and we share your great disappointment. Rose Bowl Aquatics boosters have contributed countless hours in preparation of this event, planning committees have been assessing contingency plans and a significant level of expense has already been incurred and may or may not be recoverable. The reality is that none of that is more important than the safety and well-being of all those who were planning on being at the Center over the weekend. We are hopeful that we all can agree that the public interest outweighs any individual interests or views.

Please know that we will continue to stay in contact with SCS, as well as local, county, state and national public health officials in order to determine when it is safe to host this event. SCS will make the decision as to when and if this meet will be held in the future. Plenty of notice will be given to all teams.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Collectively, we have been working to determine the most safe, wise and fair way forward. Unfortunately, the ever-changing nature of this virus, and our collective reaction to it, are making it extraordinarily difficult, if not impossible to determine, beyond any doubt, that we can deliver a safe event for all concerned without risking transmission.

Should you have questions about this event, or the implications of the event being canceled, please communicate with Rose Bowl Aquatics coach and business manager, Mr. James Gallagher. His email address is jgallagher@rosebowlaquatics.org.

Thank you again for your commitment to the sport of swimming, to the participants and officials. This extremely difficult decision is something that we all hope is a once in a lifetime challenge. We wish you and your families the very best and we look forward to being able to share with you a rescheduled date for this event in the not too distant future.

Regards,

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