

Swimming WA Media Release:

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Swimming WA Statement re: Remaining 2020 Long Course Season Swim Meets

The Western Australian Swimming Association Inc. (Swimming WA) wishes to advise its Clubs, Members, Sponsors and Stakeholders that following the Federal Government's announcement of a ban on non-essential organised gatherings from March Monday 16, Swimming WA has sought further clarification on its position from government and health authorities.

Regretfully, we have today made the difficult decision to **cancel the 2020 March Madness Meet** (scheduled for Sunday 22nd March) and **the 2020 Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Junior Swimming Championships** (scheduled for Friday 27th to Sunday 29th March), both to have been hosted at HBF Stadium.

The health of our Competitors, Coaches, Officials, volunteers, support staff, and spectators was central to this decision. We also have both a legal and moral obligation to play our part in protecting the health and wellbeing of the broader community by adhering to the escalating precautionary measures recently announced by the Federal Government designed to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Please know that Swimming WA considered every option available to avoid having to take this action. Ultimately, Swimming WA believes the decision to cancel is in the best interests of all stakeholders, has the full support of our Sponsors and is consistent with the position being taken by similar sporting events and organisations. We know this decision will be extremely disappointing for our swimmers, who have trained so hard for these Meets.

REFUNDS

With only days until the Meets, Swimming WA have outlaid a significant portion of Meet costs, some of which are non-refundable to us. We are working through the financial impact and will advise competitors on any available refunds in the coming weeks

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