

May 15, 2020

Following today's Press Conference with Premier Stephen McNeil and Dr. Robert Strang, Nova Scotia's Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Province approved more outside sport related activities.

Please understand that these are safe activities that people (individuals) can participate in now, prior to the phased in stages of "return to normal" that the Province will be putting in place. These are **not official sport programs**. Consultations will be taking place to review each provincial sport organizations "return to play" documents to determine if they meet the provincial phases once they begin. Early next week, I will be meeting with Dr. Robert Strang to receive preliminary information on phase one.

No in-person programming will commence until Swim Nova Scotia receives approval and/or we have more information from our Chief Medical Officer of Health. Clubs may continue to do Virtual Online Training provided their Head Coach submits requests in advance.

Swim Nova Scotia staff with input from key partners, including Swimming Canada has begun work on a Return to the Pool Strategy, this will be our "return to play" document that will be reviewed by the chief medical officer when the time comes. Information on Swimming Canada's Working Group can be found [online here](#).

The moratorium on all sanctioned competitions continues to remain in place indefinitely.

The following events have been cancelled:

Year-Round Competitions

- LCM AAA #5 (HTAC), June 6-7, 2020
- AA Spring Champs (HTAC), June 5-7, 2020
- 2020 Ken Dunn Memorial Nova Scotia Championships (SNS/DCSC), July 2-6, 2020
- 2020 Junior National Championships (SNC), July 22-27, 2020
- 2020 Canadian Senior National Championships (SNC), August 6-9, 2020

Additional/new competitions may be added this season in the best interests of the swimmers, a decision will be made by July 1st, 2020.

Summer Competitions

The current Summer Schedule of Events is being reviewed. **A decision will be made by June 1st, 2020 on the status of the 2020 Summer Competitions.**

Open Water Competitions

The current Open Water Schedule of Events will be reviewed as information from key

stakeholders is received. **A decision will be made by July 1st, 2020 on the status of the 2020 Open Water Competitions.**

Provincial Team Activities

- Summer Swimming All-Star Team – Quispamsis, N.B. June 2020
- Open Water Camp – Dalplex Pool, Halifax, June 13, 2020
- 2020 Maine State International Invitational – St. John, N.B. July 22-25, 2020

The following events will take place:

NCCP Community Coach Course – Virtual Online Clinic, date, registration & cost TBD

NCCP SW101 – Virtual Online Clinic, date, registration & cost TBD

Officials Clinics – online clinics are available for the following on [Swimming Canada's LMS Page](#)

- Intro to Swimming Officiating (formerly Timekeeper)
- Safety Marshal
- Chief Timekeeper

While we await further directives from the government and health officials, we encourage Coaches and Club Presidents to continue to reach out to Swim Nova Scotia with questions or any issues you may need assistance with.

I will continue to update the membership as more information becomes available. I am available via email or on my mobile phone 902-497-2088.

Stay Home, Stay Safe, and we'll be back in the pool soon!

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[Swim Nova Scotia COVID-19 Resources](#)

[Swimming Canada COVID-19 Resources](#)

[Federal Government Economic Response Plan](#)

[Nova Scotia Provincial Government COVID-19 Resources](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada COVID-19 Resources](#)

Please note that Swim Nova Scotia's Virtual Office will be closed on Monday May 18th for Victoria Day.