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## **UPDATE: YMCA Short Course National Championship and Diving National Championship Cancellation**

YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) understands the frustrations and concerns related to the recent decision to cancel all Y-USA sponsored meetings, trainings and events through April 30<sup>th</sup>; including YMCA Short Course Championships and YMCA Diving National Championships. We recognize and admire all the hard work and dedication of the many swimmers, coaches, teams and families in preparing for this prestigious opportunity to demonstrate and celebrate excellence on a national stage. We are incredibly grateful for the countless hours of preparation from our dedicated committee volunteers and officials. We have been working diligently to answer questions and concerns as this news has been shared. Please consult and share the information in this update for initial clarifications. We will continue to share further updates as they become available. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to ensure the health and safety of everyone in our Y community is the top priority.

### **Which events has YMCA of the USA cancelled?**

YMCA of the USA has cancelled **all Y-USA-hosted in-person events through April 30**, including trainings, meetings requiring travel, and national swim and diving championships.

YMCA of the USA *only* has jurisdiction over decisions related to *national* championship events. YMCA of the USA's decision to cancel **Short Course and Diving National Championships** is separate from the status of any local, state or regional meets. Any of those event decisions must be determined by that event's host YMCA, facility and/or organizing body/committee.

### **Why can't YMCA Short Course National Championships or Diving Championships be postponed?**

YMCA of the USA has cancelled **all Y-USA hosted in-person events through April 30**, including trainings, meetings requiring travel, and national swim and diving championships.

The earliest potential date for YMCA of the USA to reschedule *any* event would be in May. The likelihood of that possibility is uncertain at this stage. Due to timing constraints related to the timing of the competitive season, facility availability, and contractual obligations, it was determined that rescheduling YMCA Short Course and Diving Nationals in 2020 was not feasible.

### **Will there be a virtual option?**

YMCA National Short Course and Diving Championships have been cancelled. No virtual options have been established at this time. If opportunities like a future virtual celebration arise, we will share that information at that time.

## Is the Long Course National Championship in danger of being cancelled?

At this time, the Long Course National Championship will take place as planned in July. We will continue to monitor the situation and recommendations for protecting public health and will update our swim community with any necessary information.

## How does this affect the Awards that are usually presented at each event?

**Coach of the Year** - We will select this recipient as originally planned. The announcement will be made on the Swimming and Diving website, event page and LINK. Award presentation will be planned for a future swim championship event, ideally YMCA 2020 Long Course National Championship.

**Adolph Kiefer YMCA Youth Character Award** - We will select recipients as planned and announce on the Swimming and Diving website, event page and LINK. We will plan a public announcement/recognition at a future swim championship event, ideally 2020 YMCA Long Course National Championship.

**Carroll Award** - We will select this recipient as originally announced and plan for presentation during a future swim championship event, ideally YMCA 2020 Long Course National Championship.

**Rogers Award** - The Rogers Award Committee has rescheduled the 2020 Rogers Award Recognition to occur concurrent with the YMCA 2020 Long Course National Championship. The rescheduled date is Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. 2021 Award nominations are being accepted through Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.