

Dear Members of Connecticut Swimming - Swimmers, Coaches, Parents, Officials, Volunteers,

The Connecticut Swimming Board of Directors met last night in an emergency session. The purpose was with regards to the 2020 Long Course Swim Meet Schedule. The Board unanimously approved the cancelation of the schedule as published.

Having made that determination, and with a dim flicker of light blinking at the end of the tunnel, we are hopeful that our swimmers will be able to get back in the water later this spring. Additionally, conversation is already taking place on what alternatives can be set up so that the possibility of virtual meets, times trials and other "outside the box" ideas can be formulated for our swimmers.

We know that when the nod is given to re-open facilities, it will be with baby steps. Practice structure, number of people on deck, number of swimmers in a lane, locker room usage, facility policies, etc. will be altered in order to get teams and businesses back up and going.

Moving forward, the CT Swimming Board as well as sub-committees continue to meet on a regular basis. Our goal, and priority, are the swimmers. In order to take care of the swimmers, we need to do all we can to see that we sustain our current swim teams. We are gathering as much information as we can so that we can be supportive of our teams.

The more substantive information we have with genuine swimmer and team needs, the better we can serve our community. We have a designated email available and hope you will be constructive with your thoughts, ideas and needs. The email is: <u>CSIcommunityC-19@ctswim.org</u>.

In closing, wishing you all to healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Ellen Johnston General Chair CT Swimming