



May 8, 2020

Hello Coaches,

I hope you are surviving as best you can. A few of you have contacted me to see if I have any news about how the state is proceeding. I am sad to say that I do not have any more information than most of you. It is both crazy and alarming at what you encounter on facebook and the news. Put them together and you just want to have another glass of wine....

However, I light of all that we do NOT know, we can be sure that one day this will be behind us and we will all have learned from it. That education may change what we do in the future and some of that knowledge will likely bring new and better methods for dealing with just about everything. For now, we have no choice but to wait and pray.

Even in the throes of all of this uncertainty, I still need to motivate myself to take care of TAAF business. So here are some business clean ups as well as items that are in our future.

1. Meet directors who hosted meets and received invoices for head tax and insurance payment please be sure you have paid your fees or have communicated in writing to me and copied the state office if you have not been able to do so. We need to close out the year.
2. March cancelled meets should have all sent their refunds out. If you have not received your refund please send me and email and copy the state office. Those meet directors have been contacted and know that TAAF will assist them with any non consumable pre meet expenses since their meets were canceled only one and two weeks in advance. To date I have only heard from two of those meet directors but I will reach out to them again. Thank you to all the state meets hosts for promptly returning all the entry fees. It was such a disappointment for all the qualifying meets and the state meets to give up them up as most clubs rely on them in a financially significant way, but we have to keep in mind that we also had over 2000 disappointed athletes as well, so prayers for all and thanks to all for being so unselfish and understanding. The refunds we sent mattered to all those families and I am certain they were grateful.
3. We will NOT be having our regular state meeting in June. In order to keep as much of the continuity of processes and schedules I am exploring a virtual conference call format. Many have used Zoom but I have been told there may be security issues so I am going to ask the state office if we can purchase a Go To Meeting annual which will accommodate 150 participants at a time. I would like to get a virtual meeting scheduled for mid June because that will hopefully allow us to be back in the gym for at least a couple of weeks before we try to meet. We will be stressed enough trying to open so I thought mid June may be best after we have acclimated a bit. Of course, all plans are soft if we have new news about protocols, but I will let you know.
4. The Advisory Council will have a virtual meeting later in May to set a meeting agenda. They will welcome any suggestions you may have for discussion topics and concerns. Please contact them ASAP. They would be pleased to hear from you. Your council members are:

- Jennifer Anderson, Liberty Gymnastics, [jennifer@libertygymnasticsacademy.com](mailto:jennifer@libertygymnasticsacademy.com)
- Sharon Peck, Classic Gymnastics. [gymclassic@aol.com](mailto:gymclassic@aol.com)
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- Nick Chaimson, Irving Gymnastics, [dreamn20@hotmail.com](mailto:dreamn20@hotmail.com)

5. It is now time for Advisory Council Nominations and Elections. The election will be held after the general state meeting and before September 1, 2020. Please send your nominations to me this email address. be sure you have checked with your nominee to be sure they will accept the nomination first. Nominees will then be asked to submit a brief application indicating why they would like to serve on the council. All active TAAF clubs will be allowed one vote per club for council selections. The votes will be via survey monkey.

That is all I have for right now. Please stay encouraged and strong. Remember you are not alone. Remember we have all those great kids to look forward to working with again. Remember that you are gymnastics coaches, special and totally awesome.

Respectfully,  
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