May 28, 2020

Coaches & Administrators ~

We hope this finds you well and healthy. On Sunday, May 24, the Executive Committee met to discuss the upcoming fall season. We know everyone is eager to hit the swimming pool, but our primary concern is the safety and well-being of our athletes, all those involved, and what is best for Oregon High School Water Polo.

An announcement will be made **no later than July 31** as to what the season will look like, as we continue to monitor the guidance being provided by the [Oregon Health Authority](https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2352.pdf), [Center for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html), [Oregon Schools Activities Association](http://www.osaa.org/today/article/1692/view?title=COVID+Update+-+May+20%2C+2020), and the [National Federation of State High School Associations](https://www.nfhs.org/articles/guidance-for-state-associations-to-consider-in-re-opening-high-school-athletics-and-other-activities/). Currently three scenarios are being considered:

1. Normal Season – Starts August 17
2. Modified / Short Season – Must begin by September 14
3. Spring Season – Depends upon pool availability, school & club support and USAWP club programs

Additional items to address or consider within these scenarios include: specific COVID safety protocols, newly adopted NFHS rulebook changes, operating rule flexibility (e.g. combined teams for practices due to limited pools), and possible modification of the Championship event format.

In the meantime, we would like to task the following to each program:

1. Make sure your [contact information is up-to-date](https://1drv.ms/x/s%21AuAmP-A83ZDGiS4V6ptmvu_qbuMl?e=Kr6c8e)
2. Make sure your [coaches training certifications](https://1drv.ms/x/s%21AuAmP-A83ZDGgi0OF_vWiON3OxNt?e=WuFR6Q) are up-to-date
3. Indicate status of facility reopening
4. Indicate if conducting a spring season is an option for your program

Regardless of when the season begins, the cancelled Annual Memberships Meeting will be combined with the **Fall Season Meeting on August 20**.  Additional information will be forthcoming.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Stay healthy everyone!