

Dear competition programme members,

With the growing risk that coronavirus presents to our competitive athletes, coaches, judges, volunteers and families, Tri Star has decided to take a proactive stance on our involvement in events and camps for the near future. In doing so, we have used a benchmark of what is best for the welfare of all members of our community

Actions:

- Tri Star will **not host any events/camps** with visitors outside of our membership.
- Tri Star athletes, coaches and volunteers will <u>not attend any external events / camps</u>.

A review of the content above will occur on 20 April, 2020 (or before as required).

As a result of the above actions the following events / camps will be impacted.

- 1. Early Bird (22 March). MAG/WAG. Cancelled.
- 2. **Counties Manukau Tumble** (21-22 March) TUMBLE. Withdraw our athletes, coaches and judges.
- 3. North Island Trampoline (28-29 March) TRAMP. Withdraw athletes, coaches and judges.
- 4. **ARGOS** (March 28-29) WAG. Withdraw our athletes, coaches and judges.
- 5. **Kerrin Bishop Memorial** (April 4-5) MAG/WAG. Withdraw our athletes, coaches and judges.
- 6. **MAG 360 National Camp** (20-23 April) MAG. Withdraw from hosting, and withdraw athletes and coaches.

In the case of Early Bird the risk of having a large volume of people in a confined space (and managing social distance recommendations), combined with the need to resource judging panels with more senior judges is just too large in the present climate. The risk profile increases further when you include athletes, coaches etc who have not been a part of our regular communication or culture regarding hygiene protocols. We will refund all entry fees. If, in light of the evolving environment we are in you wish to support the club by not requesting a refund, it would be warmly appreciated.

This news is likely to bring reassurance to some, and disappointment to others. The athletes work hard for the opportunity to compete and the sacrifices of families in the competitive space are significant. Tri Star's priority must however be to the wellbeing of its members and this decision is driven by that objective.

We are aware that there will be withdrawals that need to be made, competition entry deadlines that need to be met, travel arrangements that need to be altered. We are currently talking with host clubs about what solutions there might be to these challenges, and we will update you as we have that information.

For any flight purchases for up coming competitions we recommend that members delay purchasing tickets or take out 'flexi flights' in the case of event cancellations (n.b airlines rae no longer offering insurance for coronavirus related cancelations).

We are also aware that not competing in sanctioned competitions will potentially have an impact on nationals selection and movement / qualification between STEPS / Levels / Age Groups. We have begun dialogue with GNZ regarding these issues and as we have a clearer understanding on the implications moving forward, we will again be in touch.

As the coronavirus situation is very much a moving target at the moment you should expect further interruptions to the competitive season. Tri Star will however be consistent in putting our members safety first. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding as we navigate these unsettling circumstances together.

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