



OAS 2019-2020 Competition Season

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To our OAS community,

The past weeks have had a dramatic impact on all of us as we are challenged with a global health crisis unlike anything we have witnessed in our lifetimes.

You will have all seen the announcement by Canada Artistic Swimming (CAS) today that the 2020 Canadian Championships has been cancelled. Like CAS, our focus is on the health and well-being of our athletes and their families, coaches, officials, volunteers and OAS staff. We also recognize that many individuals in our community have been laid off or face financial uncertainty and they and our clubs, who are managing through this unprecedented situation, need us to take decisive action on the status of the remainder of the 2019-20 season.

Ontario Artistic Swimming (OAS) has taken the difficult decision to cancel the remainder of the 2019-20 regular competition season. **Effective today, both the Ontario Open Championships and Trillium 12&U Championships are cancelled.**

We realize this will be a heartbreaking disappointment to many, but we appreciate the tough decisions being made to put individual and public safety ahead of group activities and competition. This crisis gives no definitive timelines and when the time is right, we look forward to launching a promising new season. In the meantime, we will put our focus on recovery, planning, and supporting our loved ones and our community in ways other than on the pool deck.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we evolve our plans for the 2020-21 season in the days and weeks ahead. We encourage you to please stay tuned to your emails and our website and social media platforms for updates.

We wish our entire community good health and safety as we navigate these uncharted waters and look forward to building together, a new season ahead.

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