



March 15, 2020

Dear members of the Taekwondo community.

This is truly a challenging time for all of us in the Taekwondo family. As the Covid-19 situation continues to unfold by the hour, it is of profound importance to keep the health and safety of all participants in Taekwondo, including athletes, coaches, staff, officials, fans, family, volunteers and the general public, safe during this critical time. We need to take care of each other, we need to take care of our families and we need to take care of our communities.

Taekwondo Canada recognizes that athletes and coaches have been training and preparing for years for the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games and the cancellation of a National Games is an unprecedented event; however, the board fully supports the decision to cancel the Senior Pan Am Selection event and the participation of Canadian athletes at the Senior Pan Am Championships. This is not a decision that was taken lightly. Taekwondo Canada consulted each Provincial Sport Organization, National Interest Groups, the Board of Directors, Staff, and Medical Personnel. This also included recommendations from Provincial Health Organizations as well as Sport Canada, The Canadian Olympic Committee, and Health Canada.

At the moment, the July national event in Laval remains on the schedule.

I know there will be many questions during this time. Taekwondo Canada staff are monitoring the situation that changes by the hour. They will continue to post updates on the website and I encourage you to check it regularly.

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe,

Master Phil Power
President
Taekwondo Canada

Covid-19 Press Release: March 16, 2020
Event Cancellations

Taekwondo Canada's primary concern is and has always been the safety and health of our athletes. To this end, please be advised of the following event cancellations:

Poomsae Worlds:

As some of you may be aware, the 2020 Poomsae Worlds has been cancelled. At this time, it is not being rescheduled.

Senior Pan Am Championships Selection Event (Senior National Championships):

In consultation with our members, Taekwondo Canada is cancelling the 2020 Senior Pan Am Championships selection event (Senior Nationals) in April. We will refund registration fees for those who have already registered. Please email admin@taekwondo-canada.com with your receipt. We will be using our list as well to begin issuing receipts right away, but just in case someone is missed, this will ensure you all receive your fees back as efficiently as possible. At this time, this event is not being rescheduled.

Senior Pan Am Championships – Canadian Participation:

In the interests of ensuring the safety of our athletes and coaches, Taekwondo Canada will not be sending a team to the 2020 Senior Pan Am Championships in June. This will include not sending or registering any athletes who have pre-qualified for the event. This is not a decision that was made lightly and we are confident that our members understand the rationale behind this decision.

FISU America Games:

Currently, this event has been postponed. We will continue to provide updates as they become available.

International Travel:

In accordance with Health Canada recommendations, Taekwondo Canada strongly encourages all individuals to refrain from international travel at this time.

Information is changing daily and sometimes hourly. Taekwondo Canada will endeavor to keep our members updated as efficiently as possible over the upcoming weeks as situations change. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.