

USA WRESTLING – NEW JERSEY



Dear Members of the New Jersey Wrestling Community,

As you have undoubtedly heard, it is with great regret that we inform you that we have canceled the **2020 USAW-NJ Kids and Girls Scholastic State Championships** scheduled for 3/14-3/15 at the CURE Insurance Arena in Trenton, NJ. Our leadership has been working closely with the administration of the venue, who were advised by the State of New Jersey to avoid hosting any events in which 250 people or more would be in the same location together.

Like you, we love this sport and especially the youth states, which brings out the very best in our young athletes. This decision was not taken lightly, as we know how hard our young athletes have worked over the course of the year to complete their season under the arena lights. This decision similarly follows cancellation of the NCAA Division 1, II and III tournaments as well as the suspension of the NBA, MLB and NHL seasons. Ultimately, public safety must be our #1 concern.

We are hopeful over the next few weeks that the landscape throughout the state and nation improves and that, once we all have a clearer picture of the implications of COVID-19 on our communities, that we can resume spring and summer programming to continue to provide great events and both training and competition opportunities for our wrestlers.

We have also fielded numerous questions about the possible rescheduling of this event. We have unfortunately been advised by USAW National at this juncture to cancel/postpone all non-sequential events for a period of sixty (60) days. Therefore, we are not in a position to provide any updated information for the immediate future. We would encourage you to continue following us through our Web portal, these emails, and our social media so that when we are able to resume our events that you are apprised and can get your wrestlers rolling once again. We expect to have a freestyle/Greco Roman season of some sort and would love to see your athletes embracing these events in the spring & summer.

On behalf of the organization, I would like to thank the CURE Insurance Arena, the state of New Jersey Governor's Office and the USAW-NJ Board of Directors for working closely together to iron out these unfortunate details. We would like to wish the best of luck to all your families moving forward and hope to see you all on the mats very soon.

Yours In Wrestling,

Jeff Dickman
State Chairman, USA Wrestling – New Jersey