



Ontario Weightlifting Association

Memo from the President

RE: Postponement of the Ontario Youth/Junior/Senior Championships

November 26, 2020

To OWA Members;

Early this morning, after consulting with our administrators, contest organizer, advisory coaches/athletes/technical officials, Executive Board, and the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit, I made a motion to officially postpone the 2020 Ontario Senior/Junior/Youth Championships. After a short review, the board of directors accepted the motion, formally changing the date of the competition to March.

Ontario athletes have made it clear they want to compete. The Board of Directors has made it clear they are willing to invest in getting athletes back to competition. However, Ontario's new legislation enacted after planning had begun and the increased spread of the virus created a scenario where it was not feasible on many levels to continue support.

In the following couple days 2020/2021 contests organizers will be given the opportunity to work around this new date.

The new tentative date for the Ontario Youth/Junior/Senior Championships is March 20 & 21, 2021.

All entries and fees will be refunded.

All REGISTERED athletes will be automatically invited to the postponed event. Invitations will be sent out on February 8, 2021, with registration and payment due February 15, 2021.

At that time, any competition spots available will be opened to NEW athletes ranked during the January 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021 period.

NEW athletes who would like to be considered for this second round of qualifications should submit their Declaration of Interest by January 1, 2021 using [this link](#).

Finally, in place of the planned December Ontario Championships, a Holiday Lockdown Liftoff will take place on the same dates, December 5 & 6, 2020.

Any REGISTERED athletes for Ontario Championships will be automatically registered to the Holiday Lockdown Liftoff. This exhibition is also open to ALL members and they can register [here](#). There is no cost to register. More submission information can be found on the OWA website under Upcoming Events.

We will move the technical official course online. [Click here to register](#).

NEW TIMETABLE

1/1/2021 - NEW athletes declaration period ends.

2/8/2021 - REGISTERED athletes will receive a new invitation.

2/15/2021 - REGISTERED athletes deadline to confirm registration and make payment.

2/28/2020 - NEW athletes qualification period ends.

3/1/2020 - NEW athletes will receive invitation

3/5/2020 - NEW athlete deadline to confirm registration and make payment.

3/8/2020 - Start list will be posted.

Mike Miller
President - OWA