



The health and well-being of athletes, coaches, and their families is always the AAU's top priority. Along with the rest of the world, we have continued to closely monitor the developing COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") situation. We want to assure you that AAU Diving is taking all appropriate steps in that regard, and still planning for the future. We have made changes to the qualification criteria for the Red-White-Blue Nationals, as well as the AAU Summer Nationals, to address the current circumstances. All of these plans are subject to change, of course. These are our plans, as of now:

1. AAU Red-White-Blue Nationals. We still plan to hold the Red-White-Blue Nationals in Mission Viejo on May 22-25, 2020. The meet will be open to all divers from the the all 6 regions. Only the top four placing divers from each age group from the Red, White and Blue section will score points at the championship. This will keep all sections on a level playing field in spite of discrepancies in numbers.



- **Outfitting.** Even in normal times outfitting 300 divers with suits and warm-ups is a huge challenge, but AAU has made contingency plans for this year's event. Divers attending the competition will be outfitted.
- **Registration.** AAU Diving will not open up the registration for the event until we have the all clear to run the competition.
- **Entry fee refunds.** AAU Diving are currently refunding entry fees from the qualifying meets that did not take place. This is a lengthy process it may take up to another week. Please note that the credit card fees will be deducted from the refund.

2. AAU Summer Nationals. Likewise, we still plan to hold the AAU Summer National Championships in San Antonio from July 14 - July 23

- **Qualifying Scores.** AAU Diving has made changes to the qualifying process due to the number of meets that have been cancelled, and thus the unavailability of qualifying scores. To accommodate this situation, AAU Diving will allow divers to use qualifying scores from the previous year, even if the diver has moved up in an age group. Further accommodations may be possible if necessary.
- **Registration.** AAU Diving will not open registration for this competition until we have the all clear to run the competition.



3. USA Trials: International School Sport Federation - Gymnasiade (World Student Games). This event is scheduled to run on the last day of AAU Nationals on July 23 in

San Antonio. While the selection process has not yet been finalized, AAU will invite 10 women and 10 men in the A age group (DOB 2002-2004), plus two women's coaches, two men's coaches and one team leader to attend the World Student Games in Jinjiang China. Events at the World Student Games will include 1m, 3m and platform along with synchronized 3m and platform. There will be an Olympic village set up with 18 sports, 100 countries and 5000 athletes.



If the Gymnasiade (World Student Games) are canceled, AAU will run a one and a half day coaching and diving clinic on July 23, featuring top diving clinicians from around the country.

AAU Diving will continue to adapt it's planning as changes related to COVID-19 require, and we will do our best to communicate any changes or updates to you. Until then, please stay safe and stay in shape!

Update from the desk of AAU President Dr. Roger J. Goudy