



## COVID-19 UPDATES

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Diving Canada is continually keeping abreast of important information available on the Coronavirus in order to update planning and preparation for upcoming domestic and international events.

### **CANCELLED – POLAR BEAR CLASSIC/DRESDEN TRIALS**

Due to recent the progression of COVID-19, the Polar Bear Classic/Dresden Trials scheduled to be held in Winnipeg (MB), March 19-22 is **CANCELLED**. The host committee has released the following letter:

March 13th, 2020

Dear Canadian Diving Community,

As you well know, Covid-19 (coronavirus) is making its way around the world. While the threat to young, healthy individuals remains low and occurrences in Winnipeg are very low, the health of everyone in our diving community, and the community at large, is our guiding concern in this matter.

Over the last 24 hours:

- Manitoba went from 0 to 3 confirmed cases
- Athletes in other sports have been confirmed positive and have been isolated
- Almost all events in Manitoba that draw a crowd together have been cancelled

Based on the information available to us, and in an effort to do what is best to protect our members and help lessen the impact this virus will have on all of our communities, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Polar Bear Classic next week. We feel it better to act one day too soon rather than one day too late. We hope to reschedule the Polar Bear within the coming weeks and will communicate our future plans as soon as possible.

As our health leaders continue to advise us, it is important that we all to strive to reduce transmission through social distancing and individual preparedness.

For more information, please review:

- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Government of Manitoba](#)

Please feel free to reach out directly with questions you may have to Ken Stevens, Executive Director of Dive Manitoba.

Respectfully,

Ken Stevens, Executive Director, Dive Manitoba  
Competition Organizing Committee, Revolution Diving

## Dresden International Update

In light of the cancellation of the Dresden Trials, DPC is examining the implications and will consider an alternate activity and selection process for an A and B age group team.

## Updates from OWN THE PODIUM

A Sport Medicine Advisory Committee has been set up by Own the Podium which contains useful information on the virus and sport. It is updated every 48 hours:

- [Update #3 – March 13th, 2020](#)

## Updates from Dive Ontario

Dive Ontario has recently released the following information to its members:

The Dive Ontario Board of Directors continue to review and monitor the environment surrounding the corona virus pandemic.

- 1) Dive Ontario will continue to work with Diving Plongeon Canada for potential impact and clarity on upcoming diving Meets.
- 2) Dive Ontario recommends that ALL non-essential Meets (i.e. Phoenix Invitational and George Tinnerman Invitational) be **cancelled**.
- 3) The Ontario Spring Provincials is moving forward. Dive Ontario has implemented precautions: no hand shaking, no sharing of shammies, judges will work with the same scoring card ALL weekend, computers will be wiped down.
- 4) Dive Ontario encourages all Clubs to host emergency Board Meetings to share these precautions and implement their own strategies.
- 5) Dive Ontario will continue to monitor the Virus in the coming weeks in order to make a decision on hosting Ontario Summer Provincials and the Aspire Provincial Championships to allow the host Clubs to cancel without penalty.

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