

# MEMBER UPDATE (COVID-19)



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Dear all Triathlon Queensland members,

We are all facing unprecedented times and experiencing daily changes to our regular ways of life due to COVID-19. You would have all seen many event postponements and cancellations over the past few days, and many of you are taking measures to ensure you are safe and healthy through this period.

There will be several ongoing updates from Triathlon Australia, and as the situation continues to change, we will consolidate important communication through a single source.

The following changes represent a considered response, and will have direct and immediate effects on the Triathlon Queensland community. These changes may disappoint some, but our priority during this time is the health and well-being of our members and the greater community:

## 2019/20 Club Championships:

The 2019/20 Club Championships were due to take place as part of the Moreton Bay Triathlon on April 19. [As you may have seen](#), this race has been postponed until September, so Triathlon Queensland will **move the 2019/20 Club Championships and prize money to align with the new September date**. We have previously run a September Moreton Bay Triathlon, which served as a great season opener. Given that the current situation is fluid, further change is possible, but we are working closely with The Event Crew toward a September Club Championships.

## What does this mean for the 2020/21 Club Championships?

We intend to hold the 2020/21 Club Championships in line with the Moreton Bay Triathlon, likely to be scheduled in **April 2021**. This will mean that two Club Championship events will occur in the same season.

## 2019/20 Nissan State Series:

Due to the last two events of the State Series being postponed, both of which were double points State Championship events, there is continued complexity behind determining this season's State Series champions. Given these event changes, this season's Series champions will be **decided as of last week's Tweed Coast Enduro event**. Eleven races have occurred thus far in the Series, and we believe this is the fairest way to recognise and reward those who have competed this season up to this point.

### What does this mean for the 2020/21 State Series?

Due to the ever-changing nature of the current climate, we will continue to work as normal toward planning and preparing for a new season calendar, and we will make adjustments as necessary that will comply with the directions of the Federal Government and Triathlon Australia.

## Champions of Queensland Awards:

The Champions of Queensland Awards were to be presented during a ceremony at the Moreton Bay Triathlon on April 19; this is of course no longer possible. **We will announce the award recipients at a later date**; this may include holding a ceremony when and if practicably possible, or we may choose to recognise these winners via an online platform. We will provide further details once more information becomes available.

### How will the award winners receive their recognition?

If the awards are presented online, the awards will be sent to the winners in a timely manner. If a ceremony becomes viable, we will present the awards publicly at the ceremony.

## Age Group World Championships:

A number of upcoming Australian Age Group Team qualification races (St Kilda Triathlon on March 28, and Gold Coast Triathlon on April 5) have been postponed, which will affect athletes' points tallies and qualification process.

### Can athletes still be selected for the Age Group World Championship team?

Athletes who have been impacted by these race postponements can still be selected to the 2020 Australian Age Group Triathlon team through **discretionary selection**. Discretionary selection is outlined in the relevant 2020 Australian Age Group Triathlon Team Selection Policies. More information can be found [here](#) on the TA website.

We thank you for your patience and understand while we and all other event providers get to the bottom of the details surround COVID-19. We are committed to providing you with updated information as soon as it becomes available.

To summarise:

- The **2019/20 Club Championships** have been postponed until a later date;
- The final two events of the **2019/20 Nissan State Series** will be suspended until a later date, so this season's champions will be awarded based on the highest points scorers after Race 11;
- The **Champions of Queensland Awards** will be announced via Triathlon Queensland's online platforms instead of an in-person ceremony;
- Athletes wanting to be selection for the **Age Group World Championship** team can still do so via discretionary selection;

Please be assured that the Triathlon Queensland office is open, and we encourage you to contact us with any questions or enquiries during this time on (07) 3369 9600, or any of the social links at the bottom of this email. We are working with all stakeholders and managing all activities in relation to our response to the COVID-19 situation. Our office has all appropriate technology in place to ensure virtual meetings are available, phone systems are active, and protection of information is secured.

We have received communications from clubs, coaches, and individuals with relevant questions surrounding the aforementioned issued. Various sports are taking different approaches to the challenges presented. Fake news and other matters relating to COVID-19 are dominating our mind and platforms. Please ensure that during this time, it is a priority to comply with all Australian Government requirements and any directions sent to you by Triathlon Australia. If you need any assistance developing any club changes or contingency plans for this short term, please let us know so we can help.

Thank you.

The Triathlon Queensland team.