

To all BiON members:

The safety and welfare of everyone who participates in the sport of biathlon is always Biathlon Ontario's top priority. We take very seriously our responsibility to protect our athletes, coaches, officials, parents & other supporters from any real or potential health or safety concern.

Our club programs are fun, safe and secure places for all members of our athletic community to enjoy our sport, and we want to ensure that these valuable programs can continue in communities across the province with the least risk possible.

In response to current public health concerns surrounding the Novel Corona Virus/COVID-19 pandemic, we are following the lead of Biathlon Canada, other Provincial Sport Organizations and many school boards in taking precautions to protect the safety and well-being of all who participate in our programs.

Following the cancellation of Biathlon Canada's 2020 Canadian Championships, the Board of Directors for Biathlon Ontario have decided to suspend ALL sanctioned biathlon competitions and congregated activities in Ontario until further notice. There will be no O'Cups held for the remainder of the current season. All clubs are encouraged to follow the guidance of their local public health authorities with respect to all other club activities.

We remind any of our members who are displaying symptoms such as cough and fever to seek medical attention and take the appropriate time to recover before returning to ANY training or competitive activities.

While this year's AGM currently is currently scheduled for the first weekend of June (5th to 7th), these dates should be understood as tentative. We will provide further confirmation and information in May, once the course of the COVID-19 pandemic is better understood.

BiON would like to thank all local organizing committees for their hard work in hosting their events – and for being excellent sport partners. We look forward to working with our member clubs next season, and in reconnecting with ALL OF YOU during the AGM and off-season training camps & activities.

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