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Please note: all rescheduled events are contingent upon the lifting of the current restrictions around non-essential sporting activities and mass gatherings.

SOLOS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions, the solo competition season was suspended on 17 March 2020. With Stage 3 restrictions in place now and for the foreseeable future, all local metro solo competitions have been officially cancelled for 2020.

In an effort to provide a performance opportunity for our soloists, coaches and families, who we know have invested so much time into their solos, the Calisthenics Victoria State Championships VCCA Coaches Awards have been rescheduled for September/October 2020.

TEAMS

Calisthenics Victoria is committed to providing opportunities for participation and performance. During a year of unprecedented challenges, we are working hard to ensure that the calisthenics community is given the opportunity to come together for a performance at the end of 2020.

After close consultation with all team competition convenors and clubs, Calisthenics Victoria has made the decision that the Calisthenics Victoria State Championships will be the only team event to run in 2020. This event will take place between October and December 2020. We are currently looking at the structure of this event and more information will be provided in due course.

EVENTS

In addition to the cancellation of all local solo and team competitions, and the postponement of the Solo and Team State Championships, there are a number of other calisthenics events and activities in our annual calendar. Some of these events have been postponed and some have been cancelled, and we are working towards scheduling new dates for those we can.

We are pleased to announce that Celebrating Calisthenics has been rescheduled for 12 December 2020. We believe it is important that we provide our community with an opportunity to come together and celebrate the wonderful people in our sport.

Calisthenics Victoria's State Team in Concert has sadly been cancelled, due to the ACF's cancellation of the National Championships.

For a full summary of events for 2020, please [click here](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

SOLO COMPETITIONS

Are refunds being given to soloists for the State Championships VCCA Coaches Awards or are these entries transferred for the new date?

All entries will be refunded for the State Championships VCCA Coaches Awards, and you will have to re-enter for the September/October competition.

When will soloists be refunded?

We are currently working through the refund process with myStage and all refunds will be processed by the end of May. We appreciate your patience as we work through this process.

How do I enter the State Championship VCCA Coaches Awards for September/October?

Solo entries will be done through myStage. We will provide members with further information regarding the timeline of entries in the coming weeks.

When will the solo schedule be released?

We will follow the usual process of opening entries for a period of time and will then release the schedule as soon as possible after entries close. Dates are yet to be confirmed.

Will the solo competition only run on weekends?

Weekdays will need to be considered. Traditional work hours (9am–5pm) will be considered if/when scheduling mid-week competitions.

Which venues will be used?

We are working to source venues, including those outside of the venues we have traditionally used for the State Championships.

Will soloists be penalised if they competed in the Aspire and/or Mt Eliza and are not involved in the State Championships team competition as per Rule 1.2b of the solo competition rules?

No. This rule will not apply in 2020.

Will results from Aspire, Mt Eliza and State Championships VCCA Coaches Awards impact solo grading for 2021?

We are working through this with the Solo Grading Committee and further information will be communicated in due course.

TEAM COMPETITIONS

Why is the team competition season being reduced?

Whilst we understand this will be disappointing for our passionate community, we appreciate your understanding that this decision has been made considering the reality of the situation surrounding COVID-19 and all key stakeholders are supportive of this decision.

Will any local or country team competitions be running in 2020?

No local or country competitions will be running in 2020. Be assured we have worked with all competition convenors on this decision.

Does this mean Royal South Street is not running?

Royal South Street is not affiliated with Calisthenics Victoria, therefore we cannot comment on the RSSS competitions. Please contact RSSS directly.

What is the cut-off date for the State Championships to be cancelled if we don't return to class with enough time to prepare?

We are looking at scheduling and sourcing venues and will provide members with a cut-off date for the cancellation of the event in due course. We appreciate your patience as we work through this.

Will more competitions be added if we return to classes with enough time?

No. It is important that we provide clarity around our competition season as early as possible, so as to avoid disappointment and incurred costs to clubs if further events were scheduled and then cancelled. We also have a duty to act responsibly in a climate of heavy job loss, uncertainty and stress, and must create an environment that meets the needs of our broader community.

Do we have to be involved in this event?

No. Clubs and individual sections within clubs may choose not to enter this event.

Why not just cancel the 2020 calendar?

Calisthenics Victoria is committed to providing opportunities for participation and performance. We are working hard to ensure that the calisthenics community is given the opportunity to come together for a performance at the end of 2020, as we know how important this is to our community.

Will the audience ticket pricing be different to 2019?

We will be working to keep ticket pricing as low as possible for audiences and this may vary across venues.

TEAM SCHEDULES

Why are the State Championships (teams) being held later than usual?

We are planning for State Championships to be held between October and December. This schedule is based on government advice that some restrictions could remain for 6 months and we need to consider the time required for teams to prepare items for a performance. Scheduling the State Championships for October – December gives us the best chance to actually run the event.

When will the team schedule be released?

We will follow the usual process of opening entries for a period of time and will then release the schedule as soon as possible after entries close. Dates are yet to be confirmed.

Will the team schedule consider other factors, and if so, which ones?

Scheduling will be as flexible as possible and will consider:

- The official VCE exam period – as it stands at the time of scheduling – for Intermediates and Seniors
- Club Concert dates
- Pan Pacs dates – if Pan Pacs are proceeding at the time of scheduling
- Royal South Street Society Calisthenics Competitions – if they are proceeding at the time of scheduling

Please note that we will work to avoid direct clashes but time between events may not be as long as desired in an ideal situation.

The schedule will also work around:

- venue availability - with consideration given to the use of venues outside of the traditional venues we have used for the State Championships
- location – Bendigo and other country venues will be considered to support those divisions with mostly country clubs in them
- traditional work hours if/when scheduling mid-week for the older age groups

Will the team event only run on weekends?

Weekdays will need to be considered. Traditional work hours (9am–5pm) will be considered if/when scheduling mid-week for the older age groups.

Which venues will be used for the team event?

We are working to source venues, including those outside of the venues we have traditionally used for the State Championships. Bendigo and other country venues will be considered to support those divisions with mostly country clubs in them.

TEAM GRADING

Will divisions remain as per the 2020 team grading list?

Yes, but combined divisions may be necessary depending on entries, as per usual.

Will the team event affect grading in 2021?

Any results for the 2020 Calisthenics Victoria State Championships will not have an impact on 2021 team gradings. Teams will still have the opportunity to apply for a review in 2021.

REGISTRATIONS

Should performers still be registering?

Performers must be registered for insurance purposes if they are involved in virtual classes. We encourage members to continue to support their clubs and the sport by staying involved if they can.

Will refunds, partial refunds or credits be offered for registrations if competitions don't go ahead?

We are currently working through the policy regarding registrations and will provide further information to clubs and members in due course.

2021

Will final year performers be allowed to stay in the same section in 2021?

No. We are trying to contain the ongoing impact of the situation surrounding COVID-19, so will not be allowing performers to stay in the same section as this will have a flow on effect.

Will the suite of items in 2021 be as per the original 2020 suite of items?

Yes, the suite of items will remain for 2021. We will confirm what is happening with those who have a rotating suite of items in due course.

SKILLS

Will the end of year calisthenics skills program run?

At this stage, we are working towards running a skills program in December 2020.

What will happen with skills and solos for 2021?

We understand there are a number of questions regarding the skills program at this time. We are working through this with the Victorian Skills Sub-committee and further information will be communicated in due course. Consideration will be given for solos in 2021 if required.

COACHES

What happens with coach update points, first aid and coach effectiveness audits?

A separate communication will be sent out to coaches.