

March 17, 2020

Hello AOA members and volunteers,

In cooperation with the clubs, the AOA has decided to cancel all orienteering events until May 31st. All spring youth programs have also been cancelled.

Summer events and the Western Canadian Orienteering Championships:

Planning and preparations for the summer events and WCOC are proceeding at this time. The WCOC 2020 is still three months away. It is too soon to make a decision about how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect the event. We will follow the guidelines laid down by the Alberta authorities. Early bird registration will be extended until May 31st.

Given evolving concerns about COVID-19 and the public nature of our sport, AOA is monitoring the situation through the Alberta Health Services website: www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx. This includes up-to-date information about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta, resources for mitigating the spread, and other important Alberta Health Services contacts.

- [New public health measures and travel recommendations](#)
- [Updates from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer](#)

Individual Preparedness

We can all take steps to prevent the spread of any illness, especially respiratory infections.

All Albertans are encouraged to take personal steps to help prevent the spread. To protect yourself and others:

- stay home and away from others if sick or in isolation
- practice social distancing
- wash hands often, using soap and water for at least twenty seconds
- cover coughs and sneezes
- avoid touching face with unwashed hands
- avoid travel outside Canada
- self-isolate for 14 days if returning from travel outside Canada or were exposed to COVID-19

AOA is committed to working with our clubs and ensuring information that may have an impact on our membership or club operations is communicated in a timely manner.

If you have any questions please contact us – Email: info@orienteeringalberta.ca

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