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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Solo Competitions

Calisthenics Victoria is committed to the health and safety of our community, and we thank you for your patience and support as we navigate the rapidly changing situation around coronavirus (COVID-19).

After close consultation with solo competition convenors, as well as the latest advice from the Victorian Government to cancel non-essential activities such as sporting events, we advise that effective immediately, metro solo competitions in the 2020 season have been suspended. This decision is based on the current advice from the <u>Department of Health and Human Services</u>.

While we understand this will be disappointing for our passionate community, we appreciate your understanding that these decisions have been made with careful consideration of the interests of not only the calisthenics community, but the wider Victorian community. We must play our part in reducing the spread of this virus.

We ask that our members continue to support one another, particularly our performers as they experience changes to their daily lives, and encourage our community to stay active and connected through all available means, whilst practicing social distancing.

We will be working with clubs to provide further advice regarding club events and classes.

As per our previous correspondence:

- Solo/duo entry fees from any competitions that do not take place will be refunded in full for the Cali Vic State Championships VCCA Coaches Awards and a minimum of 70% for local solo/duo competitions. Please be patient as we work through this process.
- Any payment for photography and/or videoing will be refunded in full for all solo/duo competitions that do not take place.
- Any competitions that are scheduled during the period of suspension will not be rescheduled.
- If the situation changes, we will resume the solo competition season based on the existing schedule for 2020.

Calisthenics Victoria will continue to monitor Government advice and maintain contact with stakeholders, and we will continue to update members as required. Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

Please visit the <u>Victorian Department of Health and Human Services website</u> for further information and updates. Please also draw on <u>other resources</u> for the continued health and wellbeing of members.