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Calisthenics Events and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The health and safety of our community is our top priority at Calisthenics Victoria.

With the rapidly evolving situation around coronavirus (COVID-19), we have been monitoring information and advice from the State and Federal Governments, World Health Organisation (WHO) and local health authorities around the clock to stay abreast of the latest developments.

At the time of writing this News Release, the status of coronavirus (COVID-19) is at 'pandemic' with outbreaks now recorded worldwide.

We have been working with solo convenors and other key stakeholders to manage the risk to our community. At this stage, as part of our risk assessment strategy, we are preparing for the worst-case scenario and want to advise you ahead of time to prepare you, our members. If the worst-case scenario was to happen the following agreements have been made with our solo convenors:

- If advice is given from the government to cancel public gatherings and/or venues become unavailable for hire and/or schools across Victoria are closed with a blanket approach, Calisthenics Victoria will cancel solo competitions effective immediately upon that advice. Please note that:
  - Solo entry fees from any cancelled events will be refunded in full for the Cali Vic State Championships VCCA Coaches Awards and a minimum of 70% for local solo/duo competitions.
  - Any payment for photography and/or videoing of cancelled events will be refunded in full for all solo/duo competitions.
  - Cancelled competitions will not be rescheduled.
  - Once government advice allows the resumption of public gatherings and our venues become available for use, we will resume the solo competition season based the existing schedule for 2020.

At the present time we will continue as we are, with reminders to our community around increased personal hygiene and seeking medical advice if you are unwell – but it is important to note that the situation is changing every day and we may need to action our plans for cancelling events in the near future. For further information on coronavirus (COVID-19) please go to the <u>Department of Health</u> and Human Services (DHHS) website.

We will continue to work with the health authorities and inform you of any updates as soon as they are available.

**Yours Sincerely** 

Liam Murphy

CEO