

Covid-19 Fixture Planning - Guiding Principles

The Covid-19 outbreak across the world is having a significant impact on sport and now that the Olympic Games 2020 will be postponed, means that we can review the domestic calendar pragmatically, hoping that some competition for our athletes can be provided later in the year. This, however, is dependent on if the government ban on social gatherings continues to be extended.

We are aware that there is a need for local competition especially for younger athletes, but also for Seniors and Masters; and will aim to work with County Associations and the providers of young athlete competition to ensure there is a good spread of local events that meet the needs of athletes in the competition dates that are available to us.

With this in mind, the Competition Strategy Group (CSG)* have developed a set of principles for domestic competition providers to follow in order for us to manage the calendar effectively, with the capacity of facilities and officials available;

*The membership of the CSG is UKA, HCAF's and the Athletes Commission; see <https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/>

Fixtures

- ✚ The domestic track and field calendar will extend to the end of September 2020
- ✚ All league fixtures that are cancelled in line with Government guidelines will not be rescheduled to avoid fixture congestion (due to the capacity of the number of weekends available) and pressure on the Officials. This may mean that some leagues may only have one or two fixtures for the year. If this was the case, then consider;
 - *Arranging an end of year Cup Competition*
 - *Arranging an open meeting format to provide a competition opportunity for as many athletes as possible (this will depend on whether the ban is extended or not).*
 - *Arranging weekday competitions*
- ✚ Leagues should abandon their promotion and relegation process, due to this unusual season
- ✚ The CSG will be mapping rescheduled key fixtures and the priority events will be:
 - ✓ ***British Championships***
 - ✓ ***Home Country Championships***
 - ✓ ***Area Championships***



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Communication

- ✚ Regular updates will continue to be communicated to the competition providers distribution list; however you can keep up to date with information from UKA and the Home Country Federations;
- [UKA website](#)
- [England Athletics](#)
- [Welsh Athletics](#)
- [Scottish Athletics](#)
- [Athletics Northern Ireland](#)

- ✚ If any fixtures have incorporated para events, please notify Job King: jking@britishathletics.org.uk
- ✚ If there are any fixture cancellations; please notify the licensing team, so that the licensing records are up to date: tandfeventlicensing@uka.org.uk and the domesticcompetition@uka.org.uk
- ✚ For any feedback about your events or if you have any queries, please contact us via email: domesticcompetition@uka.org.uk



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