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30 Day Event Restrictions

March 12th, 2020

Due to the current and quickly evolving COVID-19 public health concerns and out of respect for our participants, spectators, sponsors and attendees and to help safeguard those who may have high risk family members at home. We will be taking extensive steps at all events in an effort to do our part to limit group interactions. These steps certainly require some temporary changes to the event flow so we ask for your patience with those temporary added safety measures. We will join with the rest of the various sports organizations, meeting planners and groups nationwide to help limit interactions and large group concentrations of public crowds for a period of 30 day which is at least through April 12th, 2020.

All circuits under the federation angler umbrella of companies including but not limited to; The Bass Federation, Inc (TBF), BassFederation.com, The Walleye Federation, LLC, (TWF), Walleyefederation.com, Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit (MWC), MastersWalleyeCircuit.com, Student Anglers Federation (SAF) High School fishing program, HighSchoolFishing.org, North American Bass Challenge (NABC) NorthAmericanBassChallenge.com, National Bass Anglers Association (NBAA) NBAA-bass.com and all other Federation Angler connected events FederationAngler.com will operate under these special procedures through April the 12th.

As is always the case, safety is the paramount concern to our participants, spectators' families, staff and sponsors, and that won't ever change, so this is a fluid situation and subject to CDC advisories, state, local and federal laws and other factors therefore changes additions or event cancelations may have to be made to it on short notice. But as of today March 12th all scheduled events currently listed as ongoing are planned to proceed under these safeguards.

Because of the very nature of our sport of competitive fishing events, the participants are already separated from the other teams and any crowds for almost all of the event out in the open water in their boats away from anyone, so we are comfortable with continuing to safely hold the events and are adding other special safeguards to limit specific interactions during event rules briefings and weigh ins where necessary.

We are requesting that spectator attendance at all weigh-ins be limited to our anglers, their immediate family and essential staff only. All events will be open air events, no indoor weigh ins or rules meetings will be held during this time frame so that people can feel comfortable spreading out as far as needed including sitting and listen to the briefings or weigh ins from their vehicles, etc. Extra sound system measures will be taken at each event and access will be restricted to various areas, stages, weigh in tanks and take off docks, etc. Ultimately, we encourage all fans to stay home or stay in their hotels and watch our anglers weigh in LIVE on various circuits websites home page via the extensive LIVE streams, Facebook LIVE, and LIVE Leaderboards and coverages we produce on the internet and no matter what if you are

sick STAY HOME. On sight check in/ rule briefings will have special procedures in place for each specific event. Check that events website/fact sheets and social media posts for details.

Further decisions regarding future events beyond this 30-day period through April 12th will be made in the coming weeks as we monitor's the situation with COVID-19 under the guidance of medical and Public Health professionals, government officials and the advice of the CDC.

"We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding" stated Robert Cartlidge Federation National Office President /CEO. "It impacts us all when our fans, sponsors and spectators cannot interact with our events, however due to current COVID-19 guidelines in the US, it is in everyone's best interest to follow the path laid out by officials and to do our part in conducting the safest possible events for everyone concerned. So if can do our small part to help stop the spread and protect those that may be high risk then that is what we need to do."

As a reminder, and as health experts have publicly advised there is no reason to panic, the chances of contracting and certainly dying from COVID-19 is very small according to health experts. According to the Centers For Disease Control (CDC) for most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is **LOW**. Based on the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on everyday prevention of any viral infection, such as the flu or Covid-19 we **HIGHLY** recommend the following tips:

- **STAY HOME** - when sick or living with a sick person.
- **DISTANCE** – stay at least 6 feet away for other persons
- **COVER** - the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- **OFTEN** - Wash your hands **OFTEN** with soap and water.
- **ROUTINELY** - clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- **LIMIT** - face-to-face contact or Hand to face or eyes contact.
- **CONSULT** a healthcare provider as needed.