

Dear Three Rivers Coaches, Athletes, and Families:

I hope that you and your loved ones are faring well as we navigate this Coronavirus pandemic. The health of your loved ones and yourself are highly important to us and makes this a time for being diligent in what we do and how we do things.

With that said, after meeting with our association's Youth Committee, Association President, and the Regional Coordinator, we have decided to cancel the Association's 2020 summer track season. This cancellation includes any local meets that are scheduled with the Association and the Association Championship. We discussed what was happening locally, regionally, and nationally, and determined that this was the best course of action. We value the health of our athletes, officials, coaches, volunteers, and families and do not want to jeopardize anyone's wellbeing.

We realize that many of you have one burning question, what will happen if the virus breaks later this summer. The answer is, our Association Championship meets and sponsored meets will remain cancelled. USATF recently cancelled the 2020 Hershey National Junior Olympic Championships scheduled for July in Jacksonville, FL and associated qualifier meets (i.e. District Qualifiers, Association Championships and Regional Championships). The 2020 Youth Outdoor National Championship in Miramar, FL is expected to be canceled as well. With the spread of the virus, lack of practice space and facilities for meets we feel that it is in the best interest of everyone to cancel the season.

We know there are disappointments, especially for our high school seniors, but we feel that this is the correct decision. Our Youth Committee is following the protocols and requests of the evolving health guidelines and stay-at-home orders. Above all things, the health (physical and mental), safety and wellbeing of our Association Family is most important.

Please visit the regularly updated Coronavirus webpage at <https://www.usatf.org/covid19> for information.

If you have any questions please email me: SENEGAL1@PITT.EDU.
Please stay healthy and take care of yourself and others during this time.

Sincerely,

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Youth Chair