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MEMORANDUM

TO: All OHSET athletes, coaches, advisors, volunteers, and families

FROM: Candi Bothum, State Chair and the State Board

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Hello Everyone,

Thank you for your continued patience through this time of unknowns as we navigate, to the best of our ability, with the interest of athletes, their families, volunteers and the OHSET organization in mind. We continue to follow the guidance of the Oregon Health Authorities, OSAA, and the Oregon Department of Education as they frequently set new rules and mandates. All of this in the best effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

Here's what we know following tonight's State Board Meeting:

1. There is to be **NO practices or in-person meetings** between now and **April 30**. (This is a new date) This will be defined as anything coordinated by a coach, advisor, or others that gather a team together for any team purpose, in person or on horseback. Teams could meet via social media, zoom, etc.
2. All meets, including those re-scheduled through April 30 will be canceled.
3. If a district only gets 1 or 2 meets in, we'll use those points to determine state qualifiers.
4. Currently, the State Meet is still a go; we are trying to secure new dates to allow time for teams to practice, as well as 2nd and potentially 3rd meets to happen. Road blocks to new dates, include facility availability and portable stall availability. The dates we are inquiring about have been prioritized in the following order:
 - i. May 22-25; Memorial Day Weekend (Fri-Mon)
 - ii. Jun 18-21; Former PNWIC date
 - iii. May 7-10; Currently Scheduled Date

5. There are a couple of things that could happen that would cancel the possibility of having a State Championship Meet:
 - i. If school is suspended for the balance of the school year
 - ii. If the current Apr 30 date is extended into May
 - iii. If OSAA and/or the Department of Education cancels all activities for this year
6. Some things we need you to do to help things along.
 - i. Sell your raffle tickets, get them to your raffle coordinator so they can get all sold tickets to the state raffle coordinator by April 20. Don't delay, this is an important deadline.
 - ii. Tickets you haven't sold yet, you can keep and sell through the end of April, then everything MUST get sent immediately to the State Raffle Coordinator so she has by May 1.
7. OHSET also recognizes the serious impact COVID-19 is having on the economy including personal budgets. We are committed to making the State Meet as inexpensive as possible, even to the point of using money we have in reserve to pay for expenses. We will also consider partial refunds if we cannot complete our season. I can't promise a lot here, but I know we can do something to help.
8. The State Board will continue to meet weekly while things continue to change at a rapid rate.

Questions should first be directed to your district chair; if they are unsure, they will contact myself or others to get answers. Remember this issue is VERY fluid and the information is changing rapidly, hourly in some cases. We will stay as close behind and share necessary information and its impact as quick as we know. Thank you for your continued patience and support.