

May 13, 2020

Hello everyone,

As the 2019 season came to a close, planning for the 2020 season had already begun. We eagerly looked forward to competing in a league of more than 1,000 divers and 13 teams. As we know, the spread of the 2019 Coronavirus resulted in significant changes in our daily lives, the school year, and summer plans.

Despite our best efforts to gather as much information about the implications hosting a potential season with the specter of the COVID-19 disease, to confidently hold a potential season, we have reached the difficult decision that the 2020 season must be canceled at this time. We feel profound sadness knowing the disappointment this will cause, but the decision was made to prioritize the safety of our participants, supporters, and communities.

Over the last 10 weeks, the Central Maryland Dive League board has monitored ongoing developments related to COVID-19. Most importantly, we gathered input from public health officials, as well as elected and appointed representatives from county, state and federal government. We also sought input from dive representatives from all 13 teams. If the developments change, the board might investigate trying to dive in July. But currently, the chances of that seem very remote.

The consistent thread in feedback was a commitment to health and safety. The CMDL board greatly appreciates the constructive conversations that advanced the discussion on the status of the 2020 season. We took into account as much information as we could to determine whether the CMDL could operate in a safe, healthy manner that did not put overwhelming logistical and organizational pressure on the 13 CMDL teams.

Along with the disappointment of missing a special summer tradition, we expect that teams will have many questions, and we will work quickly to answer where possible.

At this moment, we are looking ahead with plans to make 2021 the best season yet.

Sincerely,

Phelps Prescott, President
Central Maryland Dive League