



April 16, 2020
ANNOUNCEMENT:
2020 USATF LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP
HAS BEEN CANCELED

Due to concerns over the increasing public health risk with the COVID-19 virus the event has been canceled. The welfare of our members remains the top priority.

Indianapolis – The 2020 USATF Hershey National Junior Olympics Track & Field Championships to be held in Jacksonville, Florida July 27-August 2 have been canceled, USATF announced April 6th 2020.

Indianapolis – The 2020 USATF Hershey National Youth Outdoor Championships to be held in Miramar, Florida June 23 - 28, 2020, have been canceled, USATF announced Monday April 13th 2020.

Per the recommendation of the Youth Executive Committee, all 2020 USATF Junior Olympic Association and Regional meets will also be canceled.

USATF will still sanction meets, but they cannot have the JO name associated with the meet. As long as you are following your states and the CDC guidelines you could technically proceed with a holding a meet.

At this point, all the schools in our region are closed. OHSAA has mandated athletic facilities closed and is prohibiting training with the penalty of disqualification to schools or athletes engaged in training on school grounds. Most of the colleges and universities have for all intents and purposes closed down their campuses to athletic training or events. It must be understood that holding a meet would put the safety of officials, coaches, athletes, and/or fans at risk.

As of April 16, 2020, USATF Lake Erie Association has preemptively canceled the upcoming 2020 Summer youth season. It is a painful decision, but we cannot justify having officials, coaches, athletes, or fans at a meet and risk their safety.

Stay safe...stay healthy...

Thank You and GOD Bless You,

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