

Coronavirus Update – Greater Manchester Winter School Games

GreaterSport as the event organiser for the Greater Manchester Winter School Games is following the guidance provided by the DCMS (see more information in the below document). The current situation is there is no need to postpone or cancel events. However if the situation changes GreaterSport will ensure that the safety of young people, attendees and any other individuals remains our priority. If the stage heightens to B or C, cancellation or postponement of the event may take affect with as little as 24 hours' notice. We encourage all schools and young people to remain attentive to the current situation and check with their School Games Organiser to find out more about each event.

We must ask that if you or any of your pupils have travelled from Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Tenerife – only the H10 Costa Adeje Palace Hotel, Thailand, Vietnam within the 14 days prior to the Greater Manchester Winter School Games then we will unfortunately have to ask you not to attend the event. If this affects you then we do hope you understand and would ask you to please get in touch with Jessica Simons on 07395795935 or email schoolgames@greatersport.co.uk.

DCMS Guidance

A – As you are

Our current state:

- There's no need to cancel or postpone your events at this time.
- Reassure your athletes, stakeholders, and customers, building on the Public Health England principles above.
- Examine your insurance policies to see what cover you may have should the situation evolve.
- Remain mindful of guidance on infection control in the workplace (catch it, kill it, bin it).
- Take sensible steps to discourage staff with flu-like symptoms from coming to work.
- Notify the DCMS sport team if you are contemplating postponing or cancelling events.

B – Behind closed doors

If the government finds it necessary to curb travel or large gatherings of people:

- Be mindful of the FCO advice which may make it more difficult to bring athletes and their teams into the country.

- Examine your supply chain arrangements, particularly for equipment, and explore contingency plans.
- Determine the minimum number of staff required to safely stage an event and how you would ensure their wellbeing and manage logistics.
- Make an assessment of the economic impact of lost revenue and share this analysis with the DCMS sport team, please.

C – Cancellation, curtailment, or postponement

If the government finds it necessary to impose restrictions which make staging an event or providing a service impossible:

- Consider how you would resolve your remaining fixtures and conclude your competition, workforce health permitting.
- Please also take every step to help keep our nation active. Being fit and healthy can reduce the risk of infection in the first place. Think creatively about how we can maintain activity levels in such a scenario, looking out for updates from Sport England.

Many thanks for your co-operation. As we all know, sport and activity play a vital role in maintaining health and wellbeing, and the government hugely values your work, particularly in this uncertain time.