



The Virgin Islands Track & Field Federation...SINCE 1963

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VITFF BULLETIN: March 14, 2020...The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation announced today information and actions it is taking relative to the outbreak of COVID – 19/Coronavirus.

The governments of the USA and the Virgin Islands have declare states of emergency as a result of the impact and threat of COVID – 19/Coronavirus on populations of the United States and the Virgin Islands.

Athletes, coaches, technical officials, volunteers, clubs, event organizers, partners, sponsors and all VITFF affiliates are urged to:

- 1] adhere to the dictates of USA government, Government of relevant state/geographic location and Government of the Virgin Islands relative to COVID – 19Coronavirus.
- 2] monitor World Health Organization and applicable national, state and V.I. health authority advisories and updates on COVID – 19/Coronavirus
- 3] seek information from VITFF and/or governing bodies World Athletics or NACAC for official information as regards to track and field and IOC and VIOC for official Olympics information
- 4] be aware that the V.I. government has halted the issue of event permits in the territory

CARIFTA Junior Track and Field Championships in Bermuda Postponed

The NACAC, Bermuda Athletic Association/LOC has informed invited countries that the 2020 CARIFTA Track and Field Championships April 10 - 13 in Hamilton, Bermuda have been postponed. Athletes, coaches and team leader are advised accordingly and will be updated on a future date and plan of action regarding this competition.

The Road To Tokyo...2020 Olympic Games

World Athletics, the world governing body for track and field (track and field, road running, race walking, cross-country, mountain running and trail running) informed all its member federations which are national governing bodies that on March 12 that it is closely monitoring the COVID – 19 an its impact on the world-wide track and field calendar and the qualification opportunities for national track and field athletes to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. WA assures its affiliates/member federations that all efforts will be made to not disadvantage athletes and their qualifying efforts while impacted by this crisis.

For updated information on the ranking system and the qualification status for athletes for Tokyo logon to: <http://worldathletics.org>



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For updated information from VITFF and the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee on status of Tokyo logon to: <http://virginislandspace.org/vitff.html>

V.I. national track and field team members who are now receiving training grants should be aware of the changes in competition calendars and share this information with fellow athletes and be sure that any event invited to or sought to compete in is sanctioned by World Athletics and thus the national federation.

It is important to submit performances to World Athletics before each Wednesday to receive ranking points.

It is important to submit the exact name, date and result in grant reports.

Athletes are urged to remain in good standing with the VITFF and VIOC by updating their annual VITFF registration.

Competitions

Given the rapidly changing impact of the COVID – 19 the VITFF is consistent with the following action:

VITFF is not sanctioning any local events until further notice.

WA World Indoor Championships March 13 -15 Nanjing, China postponed till 2021

WA World Half-Marathon Championships March 29 Poland postponed

The VITFF Development meet scheduled for March 20 in St. Croix is canceled

The UVI Founders Day Mile (organized by V.I. Pace Runners) scheduled for March 20 in St. Croix is canceled

CARIFTA Junior Championships April 3- 9 in Hamilton, Bermuda is postponed

The 37th National Library Week...Run To Your Library(organized by V.I. Pace Runners) April 18 in St. Croix is canceled

The Memorial Day 2Mile Road Race (organized by V.I. Pace Runners) May 25 in St. Croix is canceled

NOTE:

1] V.I. National Track and Field Team members training and competing abroad should check the NACAC, USATF, VITFF and other calendars for changes

2] If you are unsure if an event is sanctioned by World Athletics, the National Federation contact VITFF

3] Travel grants, athlete and club competition grants are only valuable for WA, NACAC, VITFF sanctioned events



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