

Important event update regarding

COVID-19 Virus.

Dear Throwdown Participants,

As International and Domestic news updates on the Coronavirus, COVID-19 continue to be at the top of the news daily and changing rapidly, we have been communicating closely with agencies and partners to assess the situation.

The health and well being of our community, visitors and industry is always our number one priority. These times are extremely unpredictable and scary.

We hope that the virus is contained promptly but sadly experts believe that this could get worse before it gets better which leads to legislated shutdowns of large events. [Click here for information](#) released today.

Like any potential (or current) storm preparation, there are important things that can be done to help protect and minimize the impact. For this reason, OVT 2020 will be postponed.

Unfortunately, we do not have a new date to share yet, but we are working closely with the venue and our partners to re-schedule the event to ensure there are no conflicts with other events and that we allow enough time for this situation to pass, which we of course, believe it will.

As the event is being postponed and not canceled, we will not be issuing refunds to athletes at this time. The ticket office will be issuing refunds to all spectators. The local hotels that we have reached out to have also assured us that they will be issuing refunds. We will keep open communication in the coming weeks as we have more information for you regarding the event.

We are here for you to answer any questions or address concerns you may have, and we thank you for being there for us. This is a trying time, an uncertain time but hopefully, a limited time.

Together, the community will get through this. Stay healthy, stay safe.

The Throwdown Series Team.

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Important Update OVT 2020.

****Please read through the following in its entirety.**

We appreciate your patience during these uncertain times as we awaited further information from facilities and local vendors before being able to provide you with accurate information.

Of course, there continues to be many unknowns in the event world given the global pandemic we are all facing. What we do know is that we need to make the best decisions we can now, given the information we have available to us, so everyone has a better understanding for the future of the Series moving forward.

Being that the legal [order in British Columbia](#) from Health Authorities to ban all large scale events, happened only one week before the OVT event was scheduled to take place, it has created an extremely difficult situation. Most of the expenses for the event were of course already spent and non-refundable. As you know, the immediate decision, was to re-scheduled/postpone the event with all registrations transferred to the new date. This would allow us to transfer those expenses and minimize loss.

We understand that a refund for some of you is the ideal situation. Though we wish we still had all registration funds and could simply transfer them straight back to you all, this is just not the case and is the reason why we have a strict No Refund Policy in place.

We have spent some time reaching out to partners and vendors to go through the following refund option scenarios that athletes have asked about to offer further clarity on these options:

1. Refund less expenses.

We have added the non-refundable expenses for the event and explored any expenses that we may be able to re-cooperate from the other local businesses we had deposits and orders with. Sadly, this scenario would put further stress on many of these businesses who are also struggling. We do not want that.

If we subtract non-refundable expenses from the registration fees and refunded everyone the difference, each athlete would receive approximately \$35 and the event would be canceled. This would mean the end of the Okanagan Valley Throwdown and most likely the end of the Throwdown Series as it would not be financially viable to continue. Also, we do know that the majority of athletes understand the situation and are happy to transfer their fees to the postponed date or find a replacement.

For some of our other events that were postponed further out from their dates, when less expenses were already paid for, this option has worked for athletes and the event and we have refunded this way. But unfortunately, given the timing of OVT, this refund option would not only upset the majority of athletes who want to compete and not lose the majority of their money, but it would negatively impact other businesses and potentially bankrupt the Series

2. Refund only those who need it.

If we continue with the event but offer full refunds to those who really need them and then we have too many people request a refund, we will not be able to refund all requests. This not only creates an unfair scenario, but it creates a situation where we would not have enough funds to host the event on the postponed date. This option poses too much risk for everyone to lose.

We know that this situation has been extremely difficult for many people. Our small team has agonized for months over the best way to move forward, what is actually viable and what is not. We have explored all financial options and we want to be open with you about what the event is facing.

As an event company we have always been community focused and our goal with creating and hosting events of all kinds, has always been to bring people to our regions to increase shoulder season tourism, encourage healthy living, create lasting memories and have a positive impact on our community.

Business decisions such as No Refund Policies are a standard industry practice put in place to protect businesses, staff and partners for the longterm sustainability of events. Though often it is hard to understand, there is a very good reason for their existence, and all participants have the right to purchase or not, understanding the policies of the individual event they are paying for.

In saying that, never did we think we would face a situation that is so completely out of everyone's control and that we would have to postpone such a major event right before we were set to host it, and it sucks, we know.

So now, we can only do our best to navigate it all. We cannot be more grateful for the support we have received from the majority. We did not choose this and we are doing our best to ensure we can put on events in the future that continue to benefit our participants and our communities.

With all this in mind we have a new tentative date booked at the venue for March 26-28, 2021. However, we still do not know when large scale events will be allowed to resume, so it will remain tentative until we know more.

In the mean time, recognizing the above 2 refund options are not in the best interest of the majority of athletes nor are they viable for the event, **we will transfer everyone's registration to the new date.**

We will also organize an additional platform to facilitate transfers for those who can no longer attend the event.

This week we will create a Facebook group for those looking to transfer/sell their space. If you can personally find someone to purchase your spot from you that's great. Let us know and we can make that transfer. If not, we will re-open registration and point all new registrants to that Facebook Group to purchase a ticket from an existing athlete who would like a refund. We will not sell any new registrations to anyone until 2 months prior to the event or until everyone on the page has been taken care of, whichever comes first.

Another email will be sent when the Facebook Group has been created. We will also share it across all social media platforms. We understand that it may take some time before people have the confidence to register for their next event, but we also know that people are going to be itching to compete and we may be one of the first events allowed to resume, so we'll be prepared and hopeful for that!

There may also be an opportunity, as we have done with some of our other events, that we may be able to adapt the event to fit the new sporting regulations. If this is the case, your spot could also be in very high demand! We will continue to explore what can be done safely as the "new normal" of the world of sport re-opens.

As always do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Your feedback is valuable and these are unprecedented times so please, be kind.

Sincerely, The Throwdown Team.

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OVT 2020 Registration Transfers.

Hello Throwdown athletes... Further to our recent email, if you are looking to transfer or sell your OVT 2020 registration, this Facebook group can help facilitate those transfers...

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE GROUP](#)

Please request to be a part of the group and feel free to share with those who may want to register. The new tentative date for OVT is still March 26-28, 2021. However, please remember we still do not know when large scale events will be allowed to resume, so it will remain tentative until we know more.

This group is a place where OVT 2020 registered athletes can make contact and communicate with athletes looking to compete, as we draw nearer to a confirmed date.

Again, we understand it may take some time before people have the confidence to register for their next event, but people are itching to compete and we may be one of the first events allowed to resume!

We have been connecting with other organizations to find possible ways to adapt the event to fit the new sporting regulations. If this is the case, your spot could be in very high demand! We will continue to explore what can be done safely as the "new normal" of the world of sport re-opens.

As usual, please feel free to [contact us](#) with any questions.

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