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Dear CSCCa Member,

It is with a heavy heart that I am reaching out to you today. I had sincerely hoped that the situation created by the Corona Virus would improve and that we would be able to hold the 2020 CSCCa National Conference as planned. Unfortunately, conditions around the country have continued to deteriorate, and more and more sections of the country are experiencing lock-down conditions. The infection and death rate are soaring, and our prayers are not only with you, our members and your families, but also with our fellow Americans, and the rest of the world as we deal with this unprecedented situation. As many of you know, Orange County Florida, where Disney World is located, is on lock-down, and no one is sure when Disney World will be able to re-open. In addition, we are extremely concerned regarding the health and safety of our member coaches. Consequently, we have no choice but to cancel the 2020 CSCCa National Conference.

This forced cancellation would have been extremely disappointing for any national conference, but we find this particularly heartbreaking as this was to be the organization's celebration of our 20th anniversary and of all that we have accomplished during the past two decades. We will, of course, find ways during the upcoming weeks to share this information with our member coaches, and many of the activities and festivities will be pushed to the 2021 National Conference. So the 2021 CSCCa National Conference will be one to be long remembered for sure. You won't want to miss it.

We know many of you have questions regarding the impact of this decision. Please be aware that there are many issues and details that must be worked out in the coming weeks and even months so we sincerely appreciate your patience. But there are some details that we can share with you now.

Development of "Virtual" 2020 CSCCa National Conference Option

We have reached out to our 2020 National Conference speakers and asked if they would be willing to conduct their presentation through *Zoom*. Some will be able to participate while others will be pushed to the 2021 CSCCa National Conference, but rest assured that we will have a great speaker lineup with valuable information for your professional development as a

strength and conditioning coach.

Our plan is to record the presentations through *Zoom* and to make them available for purchase as a package which will provide you with 3 months of access to the presentations and accompanying short quizzes. This will provide a great learning opportunity for all strength and conditioning coaches as well as the ability for SCCC candidates to earn CEUs following NCCA accreditation guidelines and requirements. We haven't worked out all the details and do not yet know who and what all of our speakers and topics will be, but this will be a great option for those of you who have already paid your conference registration fee, as well as an option for those who have not yet paid due to the uncertainty with which we have been dealing.

We strongly recommend that you apply your 2020 National Conference fees toward this "virtual" national conference option which will be offered for the same fee you would have paid to attend the 2020 CSCCa National Conference in person. Again, this will provide you with the opportunity to review and learn from these presentations on an ongoing basis for an extended time period, fulfill the recommended annual 15-CEU requirement, and provide much needed financial support for the CSCCa throughout this crisis. This option provides a "win-win" situation for everyone.

For those for whom participation in the virtual national conference is not a viable option, we encourage those of you who have already paid 2020 CSCCa National Conference fees to roll them over to the 2021 CSCCa National Conference registration fee rather than requesting a refund. But, of course, you will have the option of requesting a refund of your conference registration fee. We are sincerely hoping, however, that our member coaches will support the CSCCa as well as their own professional development by participating in the virtual national conference option.

There is, of course, no substitute for attending the annual CSCCa national conference as it provides our coaches with an outstanding exhibit hall showcasing the latest products in strength training, conditioning, speed & power development, sports nutrition, recovery, technology, and more. It also provides an opportunity for networking and the sharing of ideas and philosophies among strength and conditioning coaches from around the country. But this is a unique year, and we are all doing what we can to make the best out of extremely challenging circumstances. This virtual conference option will provide you with access to

outstanding and relevant educational materials without having to pay the travel, lodging, and food expenses that come with traveling to attend the annual national conference. Please contact the CSCCa National Office with instructions regarding the handling of your 2020 National Conference fee by emailing us at finance@csc.ca.org.

2020 SCCC Certification Exam

SCCC candidates have been notified of temporary closures of PSI testing centers and the corresponding extension of the written exam test date. We will continue to monitor this situation and will extend the deadline even further if necessary. We will simply have to wait for conditions to improve before we make any decisions regarding the administration of the practical exam. For now, that is on hold, but test candidates will be notified as soon as alternative practical exam options are available. Test candidates should contact the CSCCa National Office by calling 801-375-9400 or by emailing cert@csc.ca.org with any questions or concerns.

Again, the health and safety of you, our member coaches and your families, is our foremost concern. This situation will eventually pass, and we want everyone to follow the recommendations we have been provided so that we can all come out of this healthy and safe. In the meantime, we will continue to deal with the issues and challenges that arise from COVID-19. We are here to help and assist you in every way possible.

Please contact the CSCCa National Office with any questions or concerns. We are all in this together, and we sincerely appreciate your continued patience, help, and support! Stay safe!

Sincerely,

Dr. Chuck Stiggins
CSCCa Executive Director