



## Covid-19 Statement

March 14th

We understand that you may be concerned about the risk of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the potential impact on training, UK competitions, IASF and ICU World Cheerleading championships. We hope that the following information will be helpful to you and encourage you to share it with members of your program.

### **Training**

Currently in Wales there is no mandate for schools and colleges to close, therefore it is assumed most other daily activities such as Cheerleading teams and classes will continue as usual. Despite this, many sporting activities have suspended services at present, but to clarify, there is presently no recommendation to do so.

With this in mind, we recommend you undertake a specific Risk Assessment for your gym and teams, including:

- Regularly sanitising all equipment, surfaces, toilet facilities, etc
- Requesting any athletes who display any symptoms or who are ill do not attend
- Action plan in place for any athlete or coach who presents to you with the symptoms (including identifying somewhere to isolate them until medical assistance can be reached)
- Parent drop off and pick up at the door to reduce risk
- No sharing of water bottles, food, props, etc
- Regular hand washing

### **Competitions in the UK**

Whilst the UK has now been moved from Containment to Delay phase, today's government announcement stated that they do not believe the risk to individuals is increased at sporting events or other mass gatherings and are currently not imposing a ban on events of any size in Wales and England. Scotland has a suggested ban in place for gathering of over 500 people, and to this end, some Scottish competitions have been postponed. At this time, the majority of event providers intend to go ahead as planned with competitions and are being guided by government advice. For information regarding a particular competition you are attending, please visit the EP's website and/or social media where you will find specific updates relating to their events.

### **IASF Update for teams with club Worlds and Summit bids**

At present we are informed the IASF Worlds and Summit will be going ahead as planned and are working closely with US officials and Disney to continuously monitor the situation. If you are a coach with a Worlds or Summit bid, we recommend you stay in communication with your bid-awarding EP, who will be able to offer the latest



information. We expect a further update from IASF in the next 24hrs. Teams with eligible bids have been contacted and supported separately in this matter.

### **ICU World Cheerleading Championships**

At present we are informed the ICU World Cheerleading Championships will be going ahead as planned and are working closely with US officials and Disney to continuously monitor the situation. There are no unified national teams this year, and relevant coaches have been contacted and are being supported by the SCW body.

If you are a coach in need of support or assistance, please reach out to SportCheer Wales. Initially we ask that you do this via [info@SCWales.org](mailto:info@SCWales.org)

We understand that this is an extremely anxious time for everyone in the sport, for many reasons, and the health and safety of athletes, coaches and spectators is of paramount importance to all.

Please check your email, our SportCheer Wales Facebook groups and SportCheer Wales social media for our latest updates. We expect information may change again in the next few days and will do our best to update you in real time.