

## Worcester Athletic Club Coronavirus Statement

18 March 2020

I'm sorry to have to tell you that the committee are following UK government and England Athletics advice – therefore until further notice the club will not be holding training sessions on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. From 19.03.2020 any athlete using the Nunnery Wood Sports Centre will be required to pay at reception.

The EA statement contains the following paragraph...

England Athletics advises that all face-to-face activity such as club training sessions, events, competitions, club committee and face-to-face meetings, athlete camps, running groups and social events should be suspended until at least the end of April.

Therefore, the Young Athletes' XC Championships on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March are cancelled as is the April Open Meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Any entries have been refunded. Midland Counties have also cancelled the first two meetings of the Midland Track & Field League. It is possible that the County T&F Championships will also be cancelled.

The statement goes on...

The decision has been taken in the interests of athletes, runners, officials, coaches, volunteers, supporters and the wider athletics and running communities. This decision is also in alignment with actions taken by the home country athletics federations in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and is similar to action taken by other sports.

Where possible, athletes and runners at all levels are encouraged to maintain their own personal fitness and keep active during this time, while following government guidelines about safe distance and safe exercise environments.

Social distancing measures (defined by Public Health England as not spending more than 15 minutes and keeping a 2-metre distance when talking to someone) are now advised not only if we test positive or have symptoms, but in day to day life.

We recommend that all members follow this advice.

Please keep an eye on our website ([www.worcester-ac.co.uk](http://www.worcester-ac.co.uk)) for more information.

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Secretary