

SEAA COMPETITION LIMITED

We are very pleased to announce that following the recent Government statement, we are planning to hold one South of England Track & Field meeting before the end of the season.

Whilst until now less than 50% of the tracks in the country have been open for training, with this latest news that Leisure facilities and Indoor Gyms can be opened from 25th July, we assume this will mean that all tracks will be available for use.

The date allocated for our Age Group Event had been 15/16th August. We feel that this will not allow sufficient time for all athletes to have undergone realistic training in order to have a meaningful and safe competition on that date.

Therefore, our Age Groups Championships and the Under20/Senior Championships for 2020 are cancelled.

However, we now propose to have one weekend for a Special South of England Event, which was the revised date allocated for our Under 20/Senior Event – 29/30 August. This will be held at Chelmsford. We are mindful that this does not allow for very many sessions of proper training, but we do want to provide an opportunity if possible, for some events to be held in most age groups, for those athletes who feel they are ready and prepared to compete.

Our current plan is to hold some events for U15, U17, U20 and Seniors on that date. You will all be aware that not all events are permitted, but we are trying to draw up a suitable programme over the two days to give a competitive opportunity for as many as possible. We are still working on the details but wanted you all to be aware of what we are trying to do.

If there are no further problems, and both the South of England and the stadium can fulfil all the necessary Covid 19 requirements, entries (on line only) will open on 1st August. Because of the obvious need to restrict numbers, it will have to be on a first come, first served, basis. If the event is not going ahead, this fact will be publicised no later than 28th July.

These will not be Championships events, but will be open to all Southern athletes registered with EA. Medals will not be awarded, but performances will be validated for Power of 10. We do hope to provide some sort of memento for the winner of each event.

We do hope you will find this information exciting, and understand that we are very keen to provide an opportunity for you to compete before the 2020 season finishes, if that is what you are hoping and planning and training to do.

John Gandee
SEAA Competition Chairman

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