

17 March 2020

Dear Parents & Athletes

Sportmans Warehouse SA Biathlon Championship 2020

The decision by the SA Biathlon Executive to cancel the SA Biathlon Championship in Oudtshoorn this coming weekend started already last Friday with communication between committee members as well as indepth discussions with the main sponsors. Eden Biathlon was also in contact with Anroux Marais, the Western Cape minister of Culture and Sport. At the end the decision was made easier with President Cyril Ramaphosa's news conference Sunday evening. But that left us with more questions than answers. The decision left the Biathlon family in South Africa saddened - athletes, parents and committee members have put in so much hard work to perform and also organise the best ever SA Biathlon Championships. Therefor the committee want to bring you up to date with the situation.

WP Team SA 2020

The team selected as per our final entry for above Championships will all receive their WP colours and received a letter as usual at the AGM middle of May 2020. This is not according to our criteria but the committee feel that the cancellation of the Championship was due to a worldwide disaster and not part of the norm.

WP Clothing

All clothing ordered and paid for will be available for collection from Monday 23 March 2020 at:

Brand Me, 2 Kariga St, Stikland, Bellville

This includes running shorts, WP vests, caps, swimming costumes, togbags, backpacks and hoodies. This exclude the free t-shirts and running socks that were returned to the suppliers. Supporters who paid for socks will still receive the socks while supporters t-shirts will be refunded.

Entry fee

As with all sport events cancelled, the entry fee will not be refunded as the host province had a lot of expenses to be covered. If any change, we will update all parents and athletes via e-mail.

Function tickets

Parents who bought extra function tickets will be refunded after receiving the money from Eden Biathlon.

Team photo

Team photos ordered and paid for will be refunded.

Accommodation

Accommodation booked via WP Biathlon at the Oudtshoorn Inn will also be refunded.

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All above refunds will happen when all information is received from Eden Biathlon. As per our e-mail correspondence, a 5% card fee will apply. WP Biathlon have the detail of all the payments received from parents and athletes and we will contact you when ready to do refunding for your banking details. Please don't send any more e-mails or whatsapps for information.

Thank you for your patience in these trying times. We will keep you updated in due course.

Gerhard Louwrens Chairman WP Biathlon