

Dear Members

As I am sure you are all aware, the coronavirus issue is impacting across all our daily lives with the situation developing daily.

The EKF has been monitoring the situation, and acting in accordance with Government advice and guidelines. However, the Board feel that we need to further consider the health and wellbeing of our members, and their families.

As you know, the European Karate Championships have been cancelled, along with a host of International Karate Championships.

As such the EKF is taking the following action with immediate effect:

The Commonwealth Karate Championships scheduled for September in Birmingham, will now be postponed until 2021. We have been in discussion with the CKF executive, and whilst we expect the worse of the crisis to be over, we are aware that nations will be reluctant to commit to any events overseas whilst there are still so many unknown factors.

The English Nationals will also be postponed. At this time it is our intention is to hold them in September but this will be very much dependent on how this crisis unfolds.

The National Squad session and referee/coaches course scheduled for April is CANCELLED. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise on future sessions accordingly.

We apologise for any inconvenience, but I am sure you can all appreciate the gravity of the situation and the very unusual circumstances.

To individual associations and clubs, we ask you to follow Government advice/guidelines, which can change daily, taking all measures that are needed.

On behalf of the Board may I thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Kind Regards

Steve Coupland
EKF President'