

TO: Local Media Sports Departments
FROM: Jefferson Swim League Executive Committee
RE: Canceling of the Jefferson Swim League Season
DATE: May 4, 2020

***** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *****

It is with extreme sadness that the Jefferson Swim League Board voted at its May 3rd meeting to cancel the JSL dual meet season because of COVID-19 virus concerns.

This decision was extremely difficult for every member of the JSL Board, especially for those who have children swimming in the League as well as those who have spent the better part of their lives ensuring that there is a summer swim program in the Central Virginia area. The Board carefully reviewed the CDC and Commonwealth of Virginia safety guidelines during several virtual meetings. Given the many unknowns concerning the COVID-19 virus, the potential safety risks to the hundreds of volunteers and swimmers at every meet, and the financial hardships on families and businesses in our community, the Board felt it was best to cancel the season.

This will be the first time since the JSL was organized in 1966 that there will not be a summer swim season in the Central Virginia area, but the health and well being of the swimmers and their families were the top priority of the Board.

“Decisions like this are never easy. The effects of the COVID-19 virus have impacted everyone including the Jefferson Swim League. In the end it came down to what was best for our swimmers, teams, parents, and volunteers.”
Chuck Fix, JSL President 2020

The JSL recognizes how important the season is to the swimmers, especially those high school students who will be graduating and will not have an opportunity to take part in the season at the end of their senior year. We hope everyone will understand the difficulty of this decision. We wish that all families remain healthy and active this summer and look forward to a successful 2021 season.