

Press release

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Important decision in the world of swimming

The 9th Traversée Internationale of Lac-Mégantic will not be able to hold the 10 km International competition.

Lac-Mégantic, Monday, March 30th 2020 – It is with great sadness that the leaders of the Traversée Internationale of Lac-Mégantic, 10 km Open Water competition, received the news from Swimming Canada that they will not be able to present their 10 km FINA swimming events due to the situation caused by the pandemic going on all around the world. The pools and the sport centers being closed, the athletes can't train adequately, increasing the risk of injuries. They therefore see their sanction withdrawn by the International Swimming Federation (FINA), the decision-making body for all the world aquatic events.

For Mister Peter Manning, the President of the Traversée, this news is not very surprising. “We were expecting it, since the International Olympic Committee decided to postpone the Olympic Games to 2021. In our hearts, we couldn't imagine that this news would fall. Our organization is currently experiencing an improbable situation, no one was expecting that one day, our great Traversée (competition) would not be presented and that no swimmer would touch the finish plate. I have a special thought for all those who gravitate around those competitions, specially our volunteers.”

Provincial competitions and festivities

It is important to mention that this decision does not affect, for the moment, the provincial competitions presented during the course of the Traversée, being the 1,2,5,7 km and the Tafisa Canada “Défi Splash”, being sanctioned by the Quebec Swimming Federation. “The swimming component is in its 14th year and 19th for the cultural component. Those are saved for the moment and the organization hopes that this situation stabilizes within a few weeks, so we can still present a big Dinner on Main Street, cultural and sporting activities to entertain the population who will greatly need it after weeks of isolation.” mentioned the Executive Director, Stéphanie Girardeau.

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