



*Traversée internationale  
du lac St-Jean*

## **Press release**

For immediate publication

Important decision in the world of swimming

### **The 66<sup>th</sup> Traversée Internationale of Lac St-Jean will not be able to hold their International competitions.**

Roberval, Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 – It is with great sadness that the leaders of the Traversée Internationale of Lac St-Jean, received the news from Swimming Canada that they will not be able to present their 10 km and the mythical Traversée of Lac St-Jean FINA swimming events due to the situation caused by the pandemic going on all around the world. They therefore see their sanction withdrawn by the International Swimming Federation (FINA), the decision-making body for all the world aquatic events.

For Mister Olivier Levesque 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 1,2,5,10 km Uniprix and the Rio Tinto Youth Marathon, being sanctioned by the Quebec Swimming Federation. The festivities are saved for the moment and the organization hopes that this situation stabilizes within a few weeks, so we can still present a Dinner in the streets Loto-Québec, sporting and cultural activities to entertain the population who will greatly need it after weeks of isolation.

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