

Dear Coaches,

We are disappointed to announce that the 2020 State Championship has been cancelled.

This was a difficult decision, one that no one wanted to make, but the circumstances have given us no other choice. Please know that for the past 2 weeks, we have considered a number of options, alternative dates, alternative venues, alternative formats. None of these options worked.

We had two considerations: the viability of the tournament, and most importantly, the safety of all concerned.

The recent announcement of school closings until April 20 placed too much of a burden on schools to complete all the necessary preparations.

The recent CDC directive to avoid large groups for 6-8 weeks made it unwise to hold this tournament. The safety of all is paramount in our decision.

Please know that we understand the pain and disappointment of all students who have worked so hard all year, and especially the pain and disappointment to the seniors who had hoped to finish off their career at the State Tournament.

We would like to thank Hofstra, which worked hard to make this happen, and tried to find solutions to this situation, especially Melissa Connolly and Johanna Farrell.

When things return to normal, we will work with Hofstra to plan for the 2021 State Tournament.

All dues for schools for this year will be carried over to next year, so there is no need to pay dues in September.

Please extend our regrets to your students, especially your seniors. If we could have done anything to hold this tournament, we would have done so.

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