



Statement regarding the current situation for the tournaments in May and June

Dear coaches, dear parents and children,

a few days have passed since our last mail to you, days in which a lot has happened. From today's point of view, we can say we took the virus very seriously, but we - like most - clearly underestimated the impact on society and all our lives.

Public life has come to a standstill, our greatest asset, freedom, has been significantly reduced and each of us at the moment has greater concerns than participating in our tournament.

"Nothing is more certain today than the uncertainty of tomorrow."

None of us, including the Federal Government, the experts and even the authorities responsible for us, know how the situation will change in the coming weeks and months.

Will the measures in place help, will our health care system withstand the pressure, will the road to normality be restored soon?

Questions to which we cannot find the answers, just as much as whether our tournament will take place safely.

The fact is that we still have 2-3 months to go. Time in which a lot can and will happen. Who would have thought five weeks ago that we would find ourselves in such a current situation? Certainly nobody...



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To cancel the whole tournament season is not an option for us. We simply love the sport and the organization of the tournaments too much. How much we would love to offer your players a wonderful tournament, to see children's eyes shining, to experience joy together, to provide fun moments for the children and their friends.

Things that we have taken for granted in the past now do become special again.

Of course there will still be questions. Questions like, why are all big events, like the EURO or the Olympics, postponed but not our tournaments?

One reason is relatively simple, time is against the professional practice of most sports. The schedules of all athletes are so tightly knit that they cannot afford to take a break from competition, which is the rule in all sports. Only about 60% of the athletes had already qualified for the Olympics, competitions that were supposed to take place between February and May were cancelled, it was in fact no longer possible to qualify. Time also plays a big role at the European Championships. When should the Bundesliga, the Premier League and all other major leagues have had their games if the European Championships had taken place at the beginning of June?

But we have that time. We are still preparing for the tournaments and if they indeed can take place, we - and you hopefully as well - will be more than happy.

Let's stay prepared, we can't be sure things will get a lot better over the next weeks, but we shouldn't give up hope.



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In this spirit, stay healthy and do your part in ensuring we all together get through this difficult time.

Our team will keep you informed in the coming weeks.

We will be in touch with you in mid-April with news about the tournaments.

Of course you can also always contact us anytime by mail or phone.

I am very thankful for your trust and wish you a healthy time.

Yours Fabian

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