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Minnesota Youth Athletic Services (MYAS)

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Re: MYAS cancels Recreational State Basketball Championships & Rising Stars Showcase set to be held next weekend (March 21-22).

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MYAS, the largest multi-sport organization in Minnesota, have made the decision to cancel the Recreational State Basketball Championships and Rising Stars Showcase, per Governor Tim Walz declaration on Friday, March 13th of a “peacetime emergency”. This is to limit all gatherings in Minnesota to fewer than 250 people to heighten the state’s readiness to respond to COVID-19.

“The last 48 hours have been extremely difficult for all of us here in Minnesota and the entire country. The safety and well-being of Minnesota residents, which include youth players, coaches, parents/fans, and officials, will continue to be our #1 priority! This current evolving landscape of the COVID-19 forces us all to take a step back and make sure we all follow guidelines and recommendations from the CDC and MDH to stop the spread of germs,” said **Dawson Blanck**, Executive Director of MYAS.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/cleaning-disinfection.html>

All teams or individuals affected by this cancelation will receive additional information in the coming days.

The Minnesota Youth Athletic Services will continue to provide regular updates regarding the impact of the coronavirus as it relates to other MYAS-administered events at www.myas.org and through our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Thank you for your understanding and your time and dedication to youth basketball!