

Dear Athlete and Parent/Carer,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you to inform you that British Wrestling is taking the decision to cancel all English regional and talent squad activities until 2021.

A key function of the talent system, regional and national squads is to enable and support you to train with the best wrestlers from across the country and access development opportunities across Europe and the World. As you are more than aware these activities have been restricted due to the coronavirus pandemic and it is our expectation that these restrictions will continue to hamper the return of wrestling for some time to come.

I truly understand that this will be a very disappointing for you and it is not a decision we have taken lightly. We will of course continue to update our thinking and plans considering government guidelines, however any return to wrestling will follow our Return to the Mat plan, to be published shortly. This will likely see us encouraging you to reconnect with your club coaches and training partners ahead of a return to the talent programme.

British Wrestling will continue to support you remotely and we are currently developing a plan to provide opportunities for you to develop yourself as well as your wrestling and performance knowledge. Alongside this we will be reviewing how the talent programme will return and we will continue to seek your views on how we can best support you to reach your full potential in this fantastic sport. Please feel free to contact Jit Rakhra, jrakhra@britishwrestling.org, with any questions or thoughts on this.

Please keep working, look for the positives in this situation and try to develop yourself in whatever ways you can over the coming months. This may be developing your physical ability through training or learning more about a topic that fascinates you. Keep an eye on the British Wrestling social media channels and the United World Wrestling website for wrestling news and videos that can help you develop your knowledge and understanding of wrestling.

Yours Sincerely



Craig Anthony
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