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Noble corona virus & its effects on sports events

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Abstract

The newly arrived Corona virus in the city of Wuhan in China in November 2019 has rapidly spread throughout the world. As a result millions of people are infected and thousand have lost their lives. To prevent the spread of noble corona virus lockdown was initiated in many major cities of various countries and later maximum countries went into complete lockdown & has created a worldwide crisis. The outbreak of the coronavirus, which as of April 9 has killed more than 90,000 people globally, has infected more than 1.5 million people worldwide. This has also had an impact on the sports world. Many players and coaches are also infected, this includes Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta, Daniele Rugani, New Zealand Cricketer Lockie Ferguson, 19-year-old winger Callum Hudson-Odoi, 23-year-old- Donovan Mitchell, Hannover 96 defender, 23-year-old Timo Hubers. Rudy Gobert, a 27-year-old NBA star, Evangelos Marinakis, the owner of Greek team Olympiacos. The preparations for the Olympic Games which began eight years ago, have also been postponed. Along with this many important international sports events such as football, marathon, Tennis, Golf, Formula-1, Racing, Boxing, Basketball, Cricket, Rugby, Moto GP, Cycling, Baseball, Table tennis, Judo, Weightlifting, Winter Sport, Wrestling, Horse racing, Badminton, Sumo etc. are also affected by the virus. Sports competitions are responsible for the socio-economy of the nation. Due the corona virus the economy of Olympic is in the loss. Overall, considering the situation created by this SARS-COV2, Pandemic, it is expected that the negative impact on the sports world is irreparable.

Keywords: Corona virus, SARS-COV2, Pandemic, Athletes, Training, Performance, Organiser, Olympic Game, World Cup, Championship, Economy, Postponed

Introduction

The noble corona virus (SARS-COV2) originated from the city of Wuhan of Hubei province in China. The spread of this virus was very rapid and people from all over the country started getting infected. Wuhan became the epicentre of the spread of SARS-COV2. This virus later spread to 197 different countries all over the globe. To prevent the spread of noble corona virus lockdown was initiated in many major cities of various countries and later maximum countries went into complete lockdown.



Fig 1: Combination photos show how runners fill the street at the start of the Tokyo Marathon 2019 in Tokyo, Japan in this March 3, 2019, right, and runners start at the Tokyo Marathon 2020 in Tokyo, Japan on March 1, 2020 [Kyodo/via Reuters]

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Lockdown made the people to work from home and due to lockdown a very large group of daily wage earners lost their employment, also small and large industries also shut down. And as a result of this pandemic global economic condition is getting weaker. Even sports events were badly affected. During the early stage of spread of corona virus, as a prevention, many sporting events were played in the absence of spectators and this lead to a great economic loss in the field of sports.

Because some sports are played in team & individually, but all the players who play at the international level need a coaching, field, sports training materials, diet, doctors, psychologists, physio, etc. When the work from home started, all the playgrounds, training were closed.

The outbreak of the coronavirus, which as of April 9 has killed more than 90,000 people globally, has infected more than 1.5 million people worldwide. Major sporting events have been cancelled or postponed. The most significant one that was due to take place in Japan this summer was the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. However, the International Olympic

Committee and Japan's Prime Minister *Shinzo Abe* have postponed the event to next year, where it will now take place from July 23 to August 8, 2021. The health, wellness and safety of the world, as well as our athletes, coaches, staff and fans is No. 1 priority and this postponement was necessary to ensure that.



Fig 2: The health, wellness and safety of the world, as well as our athletes, coaches, staff and fans is No. 1 priority

Table 1: At international level the followings sports events are affected and rescheduled or cancelled,

Sr. No.	Game	No.	Championship	Scheduled date	Status
1	Olympics	1	Tokyo 2020 Olympics	July 24 to August 9, 2020	July 23 to August 8, 2021.
2	Football	1	The CONCACAF Nations League Finals	June 4-7, 2020	suspended
		2	Football - The Russian league	April 10, 2020	suspended
		3	the German Football League	March 13, 2020	
		4	The African Nations Championship 2020 soccer tournament	April	
		5	the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL)	June 12 to July 12	
		6	The Euro 2020 tournament	June 12 to July 12	June 11 to July 11 2021
		7	In England, all elite football	April 4, 2020	suspended
		8	All national team games	June	postponed
		9	FIFA -Asian World Cup	March and June	postponed
		10	New seasons in the Chinese, Japanese and South Korean professional leagues	January 2020	postponed
		11	UEFA CHAMPIONS LAEGUE	March 25 To 5 May	TBD
		12	The Confederation of African Football	March 25-31, 2020	2021
		13	exhibition match between Mexico and Colombia	on May 30	cancelled
		14	The three divisions of England's National League		suspended
	Marathons	1	The London Marathon	April 26	October 4
		2	The Boston Marathon	April 4	September 14
		3	Amsterdam, Paris and Barcelona marathons		postponed
		4	Tokyo Marathon -300,000 participants only 200 elite runners	March 1	
		5	The World Athletics Indoor Championships	March 13 to 15	next year
3	Tennis	1	The 2020 Wimbledon tennis championships	June 28 and July 11	cancelled
		2	The professional tennis tour - men's and women's	June 7	suspended
		3	The US Women's Open	Aug 13-Sept 12,	postponed
		4	Women's Open at Champions Golf Club	June 4-7	December 10-13.
		5	The French Open	May 24-June 7	Sept. 20 – Oct. 4
		6	The revamped 12-team women's competition	April 14-19	called off
		7	California as the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells		cancelled
		8	the Xi'an Open	April 13 to 19	
		9	Kunming Open	April 27 to May 3	cancelled
		10	Wimbledon grass-court Grand Slam	28 June to 11 July 2021	cancel
4	Golf	1	The 2020 Masters Tournament		Nov. 12-15
		2	The 149th Open Championsip	July 16-19	cancelled
		3	The Trophée Hassan II	June 4-7	postponed
		4	Scandinavian Mixed tournament	June 11- 14, 2020	cancelled
		5	The Honda LPGA Thailand event & HSBC Women's World Championship	February 20-23	cancelled
		6	The Maybank Championship & China Open	April 16-19, 2020	postponed
		7	The Indian and China opens		postponed
		8	The Evian Masters women's golf	June	August
		9	The Dubai Duty Free Irish Open announced	March 30	postponed
		10	The European Tour confirmed that the event	28-31 May	postponed

5	Formula 1	1	The Azerbaijan Grand Prix	June 5 th -7 th	Postponed
		2	Formula 1 opening Australian GP		has cancelled
		3	The Bahrain Grand Prix and	March 20-22	postponed
		4	the Vietnam Grand Prix	April 3-5	postponed
		5	The Chinese Grand Prix	April 19	called off
		6	Races in the Netherlands, Spain and Monaco	in May	postponed
6	Racing	1	The Indianapolis 500	May 24	postponed
		2	The French MotoGP initially	May 15-17	postponed
7	Boxing	1	The world boxing heavyweight title fight	June 20	postponed
		2	the European, American and final world qualifying boxing tournaments for the Olympic Games	January and May 2020	suspended
		3	Briton Anthony Joshua's world heavyweight title	June 20	end of the year suspending the season
8	Basketball	1	The National Basketball Association	March 11	
		2	The women's league	April 17	postpones
		3	WNBA The Women's National Basketball regular season		postpones
		4	WNBA start of its training camps	May 15	
9	Cricket	1	The men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League A	March 16	postponed
		2	The Pakistan Cricket Board Pakistan Super League	March 17 to 22	
		3	England's two-match test series	March 19	postponed
		4	2020 IPL	March 29, 2020	postponed
10	Rugby	1	In France, the country's rugby federation three Six Nations matches	March 14, 2020	suspending
		2	The women's Six Nations game 3 rd round	Feb.23, 2020	postponed
		3	The Singapore and Hong Kong legs World Rugby Sevens Series	April	October
11	MotoGP	1	The opening two rounds of the season in Qatar	March 6-8	
		2	The Thailand race	March 22,	postponed.
		3	April rounds in Texas and Argentina	April	November
		4	The Spanish Grand Prix fifth MotoGP race	May 3	postponed
12	Cycling	1	Top one-day cycling races Paris-Roubaix and Liege-Bastogne-Liege	April 12 and 26	postponed
		2	The Tour of Flanders and Milan-Sanremo		postponed
		3	The final two stages of the UAE Tour		cancelled
		4	The Giro d'Italia	May 9	postponed
13	Baseball	1	The final qualification tournament for the Olympics	April	June
		2	Japan and South Korea professional league	28 March 2020	postponed
		3	Major League Baseball (MLB), the US's professional baseball league,		suspended
		4	The MLB	March 26	cancelled
14	Table tennis	1	The world championships in Busan South Korea	March to June.	
		2	The World Tour Japan Open been postponed	April 21 to 26	
15	NCAA	1	The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) men & women		cancelled
		2	hockey, baseball and lacrosse		cancelled
16	Judo	1	Olympic qualification events	April	cancelled
17	Weightlifting	1	The Asian Championships	April 16 to 25	cancelled
18	Winter sports	1	The Women's World Ice Hockey Championships		cancelled
		2	The World Short Track Speed Skating Championships		postponed
19	NHL	1	The National Hockey League	March 12	suspended
20	Wrestling	1	The Asian Olympic qualifying	March 27-29	
21	Horse racing	1	The Dubai World Cup	March 28	next year
		2	The 146 th running of the Kentucky Derby		September 5
22	Badminton	1	Badminton's Thomas and Uber Cup Finals	May 16-24 to	August 15-23
23	Sumo	1	The Summer Grand Sumo Tournament	May 10	postponed
		2	The annual 15-day tournament at Tokyo's Ryogoku Kokugikan	May 24	postponed

Many athletes and coaches are also affected by the corona virus. Here are the sports stars who have been affected by the COVID-19. Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta and 25-year-old Daniele Rugani, were tested positive for the virus. New Zealand Cricketer Lockie Ferguson, after complaining of sore throat, has been put under isolation. A total of 121 staff and players of Juventus football club have been placed under isolation.

19-year-old Premier League winger for Chelsea, Callum

Hudson-Odoi, announced that he was tested positive for the deadly coronavirus. Evangelos Marinakis, the owner of Greek team Olympiacos, which played Arsenal late last month, confirmed he had the virus, so did Hannover 96 defender, 23-year-old Timo Hubers. Hannover 96 is a Bundesliga2 team. A Bundesliga player, Luca Kilian, a defender Paderborn also tested positive. Rudy Gobert, a 27-year-old NBA star from Utah Jazz was tested positive for COVID-19. His teammate, 23-year-old- Donovan Mitchell, was also tested positive.

Due to postpone of sports events players, their training scheduled & performance, organiser, World federation, spectators are affected. International competitions are not just an event but the sum of hard work of thousands of people. These include mainly the competition, the players for whom these competitions are, then their coaches and training programs. If some competitions take place four years, then that kind of long term training is planned. The way in which the players are prepared for a particular competition will give them a great performance in that competition. In addition, it is planned whether to participate in the competition or not. Along with this, diet planning is done to get the body to produce the best ingredients for its optimal performance. This means that due to corona they will have to be re-prepared for the competition going forward.

Not only the organizers but also the players, their coaches, their training programs have been disturbed by the pandemic. Because contests like the Olympics are held once in four years, all the countries, players, coaches, organizers, spectators of that country are eagerly waiting. The players and their coaches are planning to make the most of their lives. But the players who were supposed to perform best in the upcoming Olympic Games may not be able to perform well next year. On the other hand, younger players can perform better after one year as new players get one more year of practice and training.

As the entire event has been postponed, the responsibility of organizer for re-preparing & maintenance has increased. This will have an impact on planning, hard work, financial loads. At the same time, the economy of the country will be affected. The participating players as well as their coaches, umpires, parents, spectators will be affected who had been planning from a long time. This will also have a negative impact on the hotel industry, tourism, transportation system, ticket reservation, trade, etc. The worst affected would be the players who got infected as they would not be able to participate next year and even if they participate they may not be able to give their level best performance, and this would be shocking for them as well as their respective nations.

Conclusions

The Corona Virus has created a worldwide crisis, leading to the postponement of international sporting events around the world and some cancellations. Sports Competition are also affected by the virus. Sports competition is responsible for the socio-economy of the nation and sports person, organiser coaches & related office bearer are responsible for the sports competition. Due the corona virus the economy of Olympic is in the loss. Overall, considering the situation created by this SARS-COV2, Pandemic, it is expected that the negative impact on the sports world is irreparable.

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