

WSC suffers calendar disruption to early rounds.

The ravages of the COVID pandemic continue to be felt across the sporting world far longer than the experts predicted, or any of us could possibly have imagined. Since our last update, WSC, the FIM and all circuit organisers involved in the 2021 season have been busily working towards fulfilment of the schedule.

Whilst in many countries the COVID vaccine programme is well advanced, and the situation is certainly looking much brighter, there are differences across Europe in the speed of the roll-out. Add to this the lead-time needed to determine the effectiveness of the various programmes, and the inevitable delays in granting permission for large gatherings, and our early rounds were always going to be vulnerable.

It is therefore with a heavy heart, but a sense of inevitability that we announce the cancellation of four rounds, and the postponement of one other. Most countries are of the opinion that the situation will be vastly improved by the summer months, and the deletions from our calendar reflect that universal feeling.

Those major sporting events such as Premier League football, Formula One, MotoGP and other so called “Elite Sports” can still operate behind closed doors. They are not dependant on spectator revenue due to the enormous sums they command from TV and advertising rights.

The same is not true of our sport, but we are still hugely optimistic that we can deliver a meaningful season, and we urge our loyal fans and team members to keep the faith and work towards getting our year back on track at the earliest opportunity.

To that end, the opening four rounds are affected with the cancellation of Bucha (Ukraine), Brou (France), and Markelo (Netherlands). Round three in Kramolin (Czech) has been rescheduled later in the season over the weekend 10-11th October. One other cancellation is the Slovenian round at Orehova Vas originally booked for September 4-5th.

All of us here at WSC are saddened by this announcement, but at the same time have an increased resolve and determination to make 2021 the year the sport we all love burst back into life like never before. The light at the end of this long dark tunnel is burning brighter and the wheels WILL turn soon.

Stay safe WSC friends, we'll be together soon.

From Barry Nutley