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THSCA CONVENTION & COACHING SCHOOL GOES ALL VIRTUAL

After careful consultation with our Board of Directors and with due regard to the increased uncertainty of the COVID-19 climate in San Antonio, we will be cancelling the in-person 2020 THSCA Coaching School and Convention and will be moving the convention to an entirely Virtual format instead. We had hoped for a decrease in the spread of the coronavirus as we neared the convention date but the situation has evolved rapidly and we are committed to do our part to protect our attendees, sponsors, vendors and staff.

This is an enormous disappointment and not a decision we have taken lightly. THSCA's Coaching School and Convention is the biggest event of the year for the association and it is our favorite way to celebrate high school coaches from all over the state with educational lectures, fellowship, and many other events. It was a tough call to make but in our efforts to support the preventative protocols set forth by our Texas school administrators, the UIL Executive Staff and governing authorities at both state and local levels, we are choosing to prioritize health and safety first.

"We appreciate the Texas High School Coaches Association working for as long as they did to try to hold their conference in San Antonio" said Casandra Matej, President and CEO of Visit San Antonio. "This was not an easy decision for the association and its leadership, and we know from our decades-long relationship with THSCA how much they enjoy coming to our destination. While we feel we had gone above and beyond to ensure a very safe conference, we are in uncharted territory that is requiring difficult decisions for everyone."

In collaboration with the UIL staff, the Dead Dates of 7/20 and 7/21 have been rescinded and the 2020 Coaching School agenda has been updated to allow for coaches to resume regularly scheduled strength and conditioning/sport-specific training. We will still host Coaching School, July 19-21, but have intentionally consolidated the content to the afternoon each day, in an effort to help coaches balance valuable time with athletes and an opportunity to obtain skills and knowledge through coaches education.

Those who register for Coaching School will be granted access to all sport-specific and professional development lectures, all mandatory UIL CCP courses, panel discussions, the THSCA Head Coaching Academy, and THSCA Regional & General Meeting broadcasts. Upon the conclusion of Coaching School, all registrants will receive an emailed certificate for 15-hours of Continuing Professional Education Hours from a TEA Accredited Entity. We will also offer all registrants unlimited access to our Virtual Trade Show platform that allows attendees to shop our exhibit hall, network with other coaches, visit our Career Center, attend a Hudl training session, and hold virtual team meetings all from their desktop/laptop computer at home. For coaches needing Tackle Training Certification from Atavus, THSCA is making arrangements for access to their online platform for free on

Wednesday, July 22 from noon to 5:00 pm. Only those who have contacted THSCA before July 21 to reserve their seat will be guaranteed access.