

2020 Virtual Leadership Conference: Re-Organization

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Chat-Box Questions



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How many chapters were represented at the snowboarding training and what was the farthest distance an athlete traveled?

Carbon, Lehigh, and Bethlehem all had athletes on the snowboarding team. There were also athletes from Delaware County, so they traveled the greatest distance-probably 1.5 to 2 hours.

Will local chapters still offer training, or will it be regional? Yes, local training will continue.

What does the regional reconstruct mean for chapters? It means that all chapters are part of the region and we will all work to ensure that all athletes within the region have an excellent experience.

So if currently we do not have a sport in the other counties, can share? Yes.

Example Delco doesn't have skiing but Montgomery does. Yes, an athlete can compete in any sport that is offered in other chapters in their region.

Who will be in the region for Lebanon County? Lebanon County is in Region 7. Region 7 includes Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, Cumberland, York, Lancaster, and Lebanon Counties.

What is the next region to be developed? The Reorg Team is still working through the selection process. We plan to announce the next two regions by June 2021.

How many athletes can be part of the reopening process? At this time we do not have any state-level opportunities for Re-org. Athletes who are interested in getting involved in reopening at their local program should contact their manager.

This may not be a question for this type of thing but I'm wondering - When would it be more likely that we could get more in-person training/activities/meetings & not have to worry so much about the whole limitations due to the virus? We are currently working within the CDC guidelines or SOPA's Return to Activities which limits our ability to do more in-person training/activities/meetings at this time. Please watch the website/emails for updated information.

Can I ask what is snowboarding? Snowboarding is a sport similar to skiing but performed on one board, instead of two skis.

How has fundraising been going? Will there be more of a push to get corporate sponsors compared to all the local fundraising efforts that may be more focused on donating to a county specifically instead of a region? Overall, we have started to build a great partnership between the state office and our GLVPR staff and volunteers, beginning with the transition of the Lehigh Valley Plunge over to Regional staff to lead and manage. Going forward, we believe that our combined scale and by working together, we can solicit larger corporate sponsors for both the regions and the state.

Would an athlete commit to a particular training site for the season? Yes, an athlete needs to register as part of a training site for the duration of a season.

Will you still be required to be in the area closest to you to train, or can you train with a county in your region that is not closest to you? Ideally, if a sport is offered within your area, you will choose to train local to your home, but this is not required.