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To our PCRS and Grom families,

When we look back at the beginning of March, it seems like a different world doesn't it? We were getting fired up to celebrate 25 years of racing at Prairie City, and our 5th year of Grom racing. In our office, the pre-event stress was starting to build as deadlines for orders were getting close and warehouse shuffling had started as product and giveaways began to roll in. We were ready and excited to get together with all of you. Then, like a stick in the spokes, COVID-19 hit. Boom... lockdown... and uncertainty.

Right away, we were on the phone with the Prairie City SVRA staff to try and get some sense of the hit our race community would have to take. At first, it was just to the end of March. Ok, well we can still get almost all of the series by using our rain-out date and Groms wouldn't be affected. Then, the forced event cancellation window stretched through April 15th, a Wednesday, and where we left off in our last communication. We began lobbying for the first ever Thursday edition of PCRS, just trying to keep as many dates on the calendar as possible. The park wasn't going for the Thursday idea, but that didn't ultimately matter as event cancellations were later extended through April 30th.

At that point, the Hangtown Motocross Race was cancelled and we could still get in six PCRS races using our rain-out date. The Grom Series could shift back a month and we could still get the kids on the short track course for a full Grom season. By the end of March, "Shelter In Place" orders and event cancellations extending into May was a scenario we didn't want to believe possible, but was becoming more likely.

We thought long and hard about what PCRS means to everyone, what the series experience should be, and what works financially so we can keep going into the future. There are a lot of costs that go into the beginning of a PCRS season, which get to be spread out over numerous races so it works to keep entry fees low... to a point. We decided that if we could not get at least five races in, it wouldn't make sense to run the series this year.

Unfortunately, that is where things are at right now. California State Parks has extended their event cancellation window through May 15th, and will likely extend through May 22nd. That means the very best-case scenario is we have four race dates. However, since other organizations have cancellation orders through May 31st nationwide and some June races have already cancelled, racing PCRS at the end of May seems unlikely.

The Prairie City Race Series has been an integral part of our (Clint and Jennifer's) lives for fifteen years. So, we have been in disbelief that it might not happen this year and have been clawing and scratching for any way to make it happen. That's why it's so hard to write the next sentence, because we know how hard it will be to read. **There will be no Prairie City Race Series, or Folsom Grom Series, in 2020.**

You might ask, why we can't keep pushing race dates back? There are a few reasons: an uncertain event calendar for the rest of 2020, a full schedule of events for Clipped In Races from August-December, and out of

respect for existing events that could still take place. For these reasons, we do not feel it is right or feasible for us to move the series to a timeframe later in 2020. **Officially, the 25th Anniversary Prairie City Race Series and 5th Anniversary Folsom Grom Series are postponed until 2021.**

As you know, the negative economic effects of COVID-19 and the Shelter In Place orders are already bad on both the micro and macro levels. We are committed to keeping the doors open at Clipped In Races so that, once we're through this, we will be here to create high quality events that bring people together. However, as a small family-owned business, it's going to be tough without the ability to generate revenue from events - meaning Clipped In Races stays in business out of our own pocket. The ability to do that has a finite end, so we could use your help.

Although we will automatically defer all current PCRS and Grom registrations to the 2021 season, we respectfully ask that if you have the ability, please donate your entry fees to help sustain us. Unfortunately, that donation is not tax-deductible since we are not a 501c3 non-profit (though that is in the works), but know that you are supporting your racing community.

We do recognize that many of you may have lost jobs or have been financially impacted by all of this. If your PCRS or Grom registration fee can be a make-it-or-break-it resource for you and you can't afford to defer it to next year, please reach out to us via email at community@clippedinraces.com and we'll issue a partial refund.

To recap, here are your options moving forward:

Your choice:	What you need to do:
Default: Defer my entry to the 2021 season	No action required!
Donate my 2020 entry to Clipped In Races (meaning I will register again in 2021)	Email us to let us know, and re-register in 2021
Request a partial refund	Let us know of your hardship via email by Thursday, April 30th

If conditions in the state allow us to run events by the beginning of June, we would love to get together at least once for a night of racing with a tentative one-off "Wednesday Night Worlds" event on June 3rd. In addition, (if conditions allow) on June 10th, come hang out at Lions Park in Folsom for a BBQ and one-off Rodeo Arena edition of Folsom Grom racing. And let's not forget, [Mother Lode Epic](#) on June 20th is currently still on and is a perfect mix of socializing, fun and mountain bike racing.

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who's offered their support over the last couple months. And for those of you who elect to donate this year's entry fee, thank you. The Prairie City Race Series is more than just a race. It means something to everyone - a time-honored tradition, a springtime social outlet, a midweek pick-me-up, a fitness keeper, a personal challenge. It's bigger than ourselves, our staff, our company. We are a family and a community, and we'll get through this together.

See you on the trails,

Clint & Jen Claassen, and the whole Clipped In Races team.

