

## **STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® EUROPEAN TROPHY AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE**

**25 June 2020 – Unfortunately due to the global pandemic situation, STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® today regrets to announce the difficult decision to cancel its 2020 international events, including the European Trophy and the Individual and Team World Championship. The events were scheduled for 23 August, at BBC Countryfile Live in Windsor Great Park, UK, and 7-8 November in the Partille arena in Gothenburg, Sweden, respectively. This decision has been made taking into consideration the health and safety of all athletes, spectators and employees. TIMBERSPORTS® still aims to hold events with both venue partners in the future and is currently exploring the potential to host the European Trophy and Individual World Championships without an audience towards the end of the year.**

Given the fluidity of the current COVID-19 situation, TIMBERSPORTS® is unable to support the current format of public international events in 2020.

### **Alternative arrangements to resume international season**

TIMBERSPORTS® has drawn up an alternative plan to resume the international season and hold at least two international competitions in a secure and controlled environment, with no live audience, later in 2020. The current plan is to hold the European Trophy on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November in the Bavaria Film Studios in Munich, Germany, to allow the best European athletes to qualify for next year's World Trophy. In addition, TIMBERSPORTS® is aiming to hold the Individual World Championship as the season's marquee event on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the same location, allowing the world's 12 best individual athletes to compete against each other and crown a STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® Individual World Champion. Unfortunately, a Team World Championship will not take place this year.

This alternative arrangement depends upon local security regulations, international travel policies and will be made in accordance with governmental guidance and restrictions.

TIMBERSPORTS® is working with its Medical Director on a viable hygiene system to protect all participants. Due to the ever-changing situation, TIMBERSPORTS® will be permanently assessing these circumstances and will provide an update on the process in due course.

For fans who have purchased tickets for an upcoming STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® competition, or for more information about affected events, please visit [www.stihl-timbersports.com](http://www.stihl-timbersports.com), <https://www.partillearena.se/event/timbersports> and <https://www.countryfilelive.com/windsor-great-park/countryfile-live-cancellation>.