



Friday March 13, 2020

Subject: Hockey Cancellation

Attention: HNO Membership

Hockey Canada released a statement yesterday, March 12th announcing the cancellation of all Hockey Canada-Sanctioned activities until further notice, effective March 13th. Their decision was based on the health and well-being of its membership and community at large, including players, coaches, staff, officials, fans, family, volunteers and the general public and is fully supported by Hockey Northwestern Ontario.

It is undoubtedly a very difficult and unprecedented period in the sports world. We are working diligently in getting the most up to date information and stay in constant communication with our membership. We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as we go through this period of uncertainty. Below are some questions that have been asked that I can provide some clarity too:

What does "until further notice" mean?

The 2019-2020 season is cancelled. The cancellation may extend beyond 2019-20. We will be in close contact with Hockey Canada and will continue to update our membership as the situation unfolds.

What are "Hockey Canada sanctioned activities"?

These activities include all games, playoffs, try-outs, practices, camps, team activities and gatherings (including banquets), programs and Provincial, Regional, and National Championships.

Thank you to everyone's hard work and dedication this season. Please take appropriate precautions in avoiding large gatherings and in-person meetings with your Associations. Please notify your membership as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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