



Message to the OMHA & OOAA Membership

First, I hope everyone is doing well and making it through this new reality we currently live in. As this is very different time for our association, Covid 19 continues to affect our lives and businesses. Everyone continues to work together to stop the spread of this virus, and we continue with our efforts to provide a safe environment for everyone in the association.

On behalf of the OMHA & OOAA Executive we want to thank the members, volunteers, players and referees who help make this association proceed year after year. We are truly grateful and fortunate to be part of such a progressive growing association.

We are very upset writing these letters regarding Covid_19 and informing our membership of this news. We just spoke to key officials from Hockey Alberta who advised we are to immediately cancel our hockey programs starting November 13th until re-start on Saturday November 28th.

Here is the official response in coordination with Alberta Health and Hockey Alberta.

Okotoks Minor Hockey Association's foremost priority is the health and safety of our participants, volunteers and hockey families. We have been proactively working alongside Hockey Alberta and following Health Canada, Hockey Canada and local public health officials in regards to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). In light of recent events, the OMHA & OOAA Executive has been instructed to immediately suspend all hockey activities.

This includes all OMHA & OOAA:

Practices

Games

Team gatherings

Dryland training

All ice will be officially cancelled tomorrow morning per the immediate request from Alberta Health Service.

We will be proactive in informing our constituents on all upcoming protocols and required actions as they become available.

We recognize the tremendous effort that has been put forth to start the season by individuals in our community as they participate in Canada's game. This is without question another tough message to send out to our OMHA and OOAA teams and families and it is difficult to process the hockey season abruptly being put on hold. Alberta Health Services feel this is the best course of action in order to do our part in keeping our community safe from further spreading COVID_19.

The OMHA and OOAA appreciates the magnitude of this situation and sincerely thanks the many stakeholders for their support as we all work through the logistics of this two week lockdown. We encourage everyone to keep themselves informed of information available through the various health departments as the medical community works diligently to manage the Coronavirus. We thank you for your attention to this bulletin and sincerely wish you well.

We understand the excitement for hockey to return in Okotoks over the past month and we will be ready to drop the puck again in two weeks.

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