



Thank you everyone for all of your patience through all this.

What a difficult season it has been in Okotoks and we want to highlight the cooperation, patience and kindness our minor hockey community has shown. As we mentioned during the recent IGM everyone has really pulled together and tried to stay as positive as they could through this pandemic and it has been wonderful to see and we thank you for the continued support.

Like many organizations across the province, Okotoks rely on hockey rinks as a lifeblood to the social fabric of the community and a central vein to the heart of what bonds our members together.

It has always been our hope hockey would return this season for regular game play however, the current restrictions, timelines and ice availability does not make it feasible. Effective February 4, 2021 following our meeting with Hockey Alberta the difficult decision has been made to cancel the remainder of the 2020/21 season for Okotoks Minor Hockey.

The players aren't the only ones affected. The parents, volunteers, rink staff and community at large have also been affected by again a second premature end to the season. The countless hours spent on and off the ice is truly remarkable and I ask that you continue to thank our volunteers who continue with efforts supporting our hockey family in this community.

The abrupt end to the season is obviously unfortunate, we would like to thank the coaches, players, parents, staff and volunteers helping the association through this difficult time.

I can assure you this is the last time we want to write a message to the OMHA members confirming that a season has been cancelled.

As per the message from the IGM regarding refunds - we will be providing more information on the amount and the process for the refunds once we receive final costs of the season from Hockey Alberta as well as the Leagues our teams play in and other sundry costs. We will continue to work diligently on the refunds and will provide this information as soon as it is available. Please be advised that OMHA & OOAA will handle refunds separately. We appreciate your understanding on this matter.

As this is very disappointing to our association, Covid 19 continues to affect our lives and businesses.

On behalf of the OMHA Executive & Board 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.

Geoff Stewart OMHA President