



OWHA URGENT BULLETIN



RE: COVID-19

To: OWHA Member Teams, Presidents, Voters, Contacts, Statisticians, Leagues, Tournament Convenors and Officials

Please circulate this bulletin as widely as possible

Hockey Canada, as a result of Covid-19, and in support of player and participant safety has cancelled all Hockey Canada sanctioned activities, including National Championships until further notice, effective Friday, March 13, 2020.

All OWHA games, practices, tryouts and sanctioned activities have been cancelled until further notice effective 12:01am on Friday March 13, 2020.

The 2020 OWHA provincial championships have been cancelled.

League playoffs have been cancelled.

OWHA Sanctioned Tournaments have been cancelled.

Exhibition games and practices have been cancelled.

Tryouts are not to take place until such time as approval is posted on the OWHA web site.

The OWHA appreciates the magnitude of this situation and sincerely thanks the many stakeholders for their support as we all work through the logistics of this cancellation. 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.

Information	Link
Hockey Canada Information Bulletin	http://members.hockeycanada.ca/bulletins/bulletins.aspx?ID=5395
Canada Health Act - Links to Provincial and Territorial Health Care Web Resources	https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-care-system/canada-health-care-system-medicare/provincial-territorial-health-care-resources.html
Public Health Authorities	https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/2019-novel-coronavirus-information-sheet-travelled-hubei-province-china.html#au
Ontario Ministry of Health	https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/
Government of Canada novel coronavirus information line	1-833-784-4397 canada.ca/coronavirus
Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Outbreak update	https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html
Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): resources	https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/awareness-resources.html



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MEDIA ADVISORY

HOCKEY CANADA STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

CALGARY, Alta. - The following is a statement on behalf of Hockey Canada from Tom Renney, chief executive officer, and Scott Smith, president and chief operating officer, on the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

“Without question, this an unprecedented period of difficulty for the sports world. The health and safety of all participants in sport, including players, coaches, staff, officials, fans, family, volunteers and the general public, is of the utmost importance to Hockey Canada.

After much consultation with the Hockey Canada membership, our chief medical officer and public health officials, the Hockey Canada Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel all Hockey Canada-sanctioned activities, including our national championships, until further notice, effective Friday, March 13, 2020.

We recognize the tremendous effort that has been put forth all year by individuals across the country as they participate in Canada’s game. Although it is difficult to process the hockey season ending abruptly, we feel this is the best course of action in order to do our part in keeping our country safe.”

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