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**Alberta Lacrosse Association Update for April 9**

**RE: COVID-19 Coronavirus**

This is the update from the March 25 Membership Information release, ALA is monitoring the COVID-19 virus status and recommendations from the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta. Due to the restrictions on facilities in various Local Governing Bodies, the ALA is continually reviewing what the landscape of lacrosse will look like going forward.

The ALA BOD has made a motion to discontinue the regular form of competition for the 2020 Minor Box lacrosse season. Major box lacrosse is still considering options to proceed with a possible season at this time, more information will be provided in the future. The ALA Board of Directors are optimistic that alternative forms of competition will occur once facilities are open to the public. The ALA is pursuing with their Leagues and Member Clubs alternative programming such as reduced season, 4 on 4 events, club house league, player development camps, hybrid box/field season just to name a few alternatives.

At this time Alberta Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) has postponed the Alberta Summer Games to the summer of 2021. The CLA will provide an update on CLA National Events on or about May 15.

In addition, ALA is optimistic this situation will be alleviated, and the regular Field Lacrosse Season will be able to continue. Information on field lacrosse can be found here <http://albertafieldlacrosse.net/>

**At this time, all “in person” events are still suspended until further notice.**

The ALA fiscal year runs September 2019 to August 2020. Therefore, since the ALA is seven months into its fiscal year, many costs have already occurred in preparation for the 2020 competition year. Such costs include the 2019 ALA AGM, 2019 CLA AM, development of coaches, strategic planning, and organization of ALA programs such as ALA Development Camps, Team Alberta, and Alberta Summer Games.

As with every business in today’s environment, the ALA is working to reduce several costs in order to ensure the viability of the organization and programming of lacrosse for Alberta. Some of the cost saving measures that we have undertaken include:

- The ALA will no longer have an office and some furniture will be liquidated. A new address will be circulated shortly.
- The ALA has reduced staff, salaries and benefits.
- The ALA has cancelled all funding projects.
- The ALA has changed the ALA AGM in November to a one-day AGM and removed the development portion of the meeting.
- The ALA is pursuing all applicable refunds as well as any government funding and programs during these difficult times.



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With the above cost saving measures, the ALA still must rely on our membership fees as the major source of revenue. The fees that are paid by our member clubs not only covers the box and field playing season for our membership but is a necessity for the year-round operations of the ALA. The ALA is reliant on Membership fees to continue business. The ALA and its Board of Directors have made a decision to invoice ALA clubs a fee of \$10 per member registered rather than the approved fee as voted upon at the AGM. This is necessary and essential for the continued operations of the ALA. The clubs fee will be derived from the RAMP registration pulled on March 25.

When alternative programming resumes, a further fee to be set by the ALA BOD will be determined for participation in these programs. At this point, the RMLL season has not been cancelled, so no refund will be given until that decision has been determined. The RMLL “Intent to Play” fees will also be subject to the \$10 if they are unable to continue for the 2020 season.

With this collection of a portion of the registration fee, the ALA will allow the member organizations to provide refunds as their policies allows or as they determine. It is the recommendation of the ALA Executive Committee that clubs should consider withholding a portion of fees collected to ensure their continued operation as an organization. As with the ALA, there must be financial considerations to ensure the continued operation of ALA Clubs when we are able to resume alternative programming. We also understand that every member may have different circumstances to contend with and case by case refunds may have to be reviewed by each individual organization.

ALA would like to remind all Members to stay engaged in the programming ALA is offering while we are at home.

The ALA encourages all coaches to take advantage of the Great Opportunity of attending the Online Zoom coaching clinics, which have not been offered before. The ALA is proceeding with online Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) clinics to assist Coaches in progressing their training during this time. Coaches can sign up here via their profile <https://nccp.lacrosse.ca/>

The ALA continues to offer coach mentorship clinics as well via Zoom. Information is posted on the ALA Web site [www.albertalacrosse.com](http://www.albertalacrosse.com) as well as <https://www.albertalacrossetv.com/en/>. These Zoom classrooms sessions will be interactive so have your questions ready for the presenter. Coaches can register here <http://alacc.rampregistrations.com/>

For all our athletes to keep up their skills as well as provide them activities that can be done while following the governments recommendation of social distancing, the ALA is continuing to post on Social Media. These are available on the ALA Accounts of Alberta Lacrosse FB, @AlbertaLacrosse Twitter and Instagram. The ALA encourages all ALA members to promote the social media events in their organizations and increase the visibility of lacrosse across the province.

The ALA will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on alternative programming for minor box lacrosse. All Members are encouraged to stay up to date on developments.



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With the daily and sometimes hourly changes related to the virus, we recommend you check the below government links daily.

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=6980324A5B1B0-BC2C-40A8-A6AD9E30E3189425>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

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Please be safe and healthy.

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