

Parents and Coaches,

In an effort to support the regional youth sports community and protect the health and safety of our players, several organizations have been meeting to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. The organizations noted below are planning to reconvene twice a week to assess next steps for the upcoming spring and summer seasons.

Most organizations have suspended team practices to further review the situation and are evaluating current information. At this point none of the organizations are considering cancelling their seasons. So many of our organizations have teams scheduled to play one another, any decision by one organization would have broad implications and we are committed to working together.

There are several factors to consider:

- Direction and guidelines of local health departments and government officials
- Player safety and parent concerns
- Community youth sports have different spectator implications than High School, NCAA or Professional Sports.
- Limit spectator interaction at games
- Increase sanitary protocols during games
- Resume schedules after temporary moratorium or adjust schedules with fewer games or delaying the start of the season (play in June, July and/or August)
- Financial implications: most organizations have spent registration funds buying balls, field maintenance products, renting indoor space, purchasing equipment/uniforms and buying insurance.

Please be patient as there are probably more questions than answers currently. Our primary concern is the health and safety of our players, parents and coaches. As this is a rapidly evolving situation and we will continue to monitor and provide updates accordingly.

Respectfully,

Bellevue Elite	Neb Force/Omaha Force
Bennington Athletic League	Neb Quakes
Elkhorn Athletic Association	Neb Quakes
Elkhorn Soccer	Neb Thunder
Gretna Youth Baseball/Softball	Omaha Suburban
Keystone Cobras	Papillion Outlaws
Lincoln Sox	Neb Gold
Millard United Sports	Papillion Storm Chasers
Neb Echoes	Ultimate Baseball Academy