

Good Morning to All,

First and foremost, I hope this correspondence meets you and your loved ones in good health during these trying times.

Over the past few months, COVID-19 Coronavirus has become a global topic of concern. With many events around the world being postponed or canceled, we wanted to provide you with an update regarding the status of the 2020 NRU Summer Kickoff Tournament. Like many of you, we have been closely watching the situation surrounding the pandemic, and have been working with our local, state, and national partners to be able to understand the ever-changing and developing story. As hosts of this event, our top priority remains the health, safety, and well-being of all players, participants, and their families, along with all involved in the planning of this Tournament.

Once an Order to Shelter was issued about six weeks ago, we knew that the probability of hosting our event as originally planned was highly doubtful. With that in mind, and following the latest edict from our state's Governor of only a reduced return to activity outside the parameters of the order to shelter, we are left with no choice at this moment but to postpone our tournament indefinitely.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, we are unsure if a reschedule of the tournament for later this year will be possible. If the current environment continues to change and evolve as positively as it has been trending in our part of the state, we have been brainstorming on the possibility of a Fall Kickoff Tournament, as I am sure, we all look forward to a return to the field for our children while conforming to the health and safety guidelines being sent forth by the relative authorities and governing bodies.

We hope that you will consider attending an event leading into the fall if the opportunity arises. However, we are also cognizant of the fact that this may not be possible and as such, hope that you will keep us in your respective schedules for Memorial Day Weekend 2021, when we plan to host you in what we aspire to be our best and most memorable tournament to date at the wonderful campus of Virginia Tech University!

Registration Fees: *We will refund all Registration fees collected thus far, and for most of you, we haven't formally accepted your registration fees, as we were uncertain of the status of the tournament. For these cases, we will simply decline the registration so that you will not be charged. If there are any questions, concerns, or issues in this regard, please reach out to us directly and we will work to ensure that all is taken care of.*

We are very appreciative of the continued support of all the teams and clubs and will provide you with any updates in the coming weeks. Please continue to remain safe and adhere to the protocols outlined by your respective state governing bodies and health authorities as we look ahead to a bright future and a resumption of participation in the sport we love!!

Sincerely,

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