

## **SEASON CANCELLED** (DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

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## **TOJLL - 2020 SEASON CANCELLED, OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League Statement Concerning Covid-19 Pandemic And Our Season....

May 11, 2020

Dear players, fans, sponsors and volunteers,

This season was to be an exciting one with the return of Kelowna to our league and the addition of a revised Shamrocks team based out of Salmon Arm. This brings our league back to 5 teams along with Vernon, Kamloops and South Okanagan and represents the entire Thompson Okanagan in the most exciting Jr sport that BC has to offer.

Our season planning was interrupted by the horrible news of the Covid 19 Pandemic and the measures put into place to help control it. We have been meeting regularly and trying to schedule a season without really knowing when it would be possible. It is a high priority within our league to keep athletes playing, improving their skills and to build our league as a whole. The most important consideration however is the health and welfare of our athletes, volunteers and fans. With the latest announcements from the Provincial and Federal governments it is becoming clear that we can not hope to schedule and plan a full season within the new time frame. Pushing out the schedule later into the summer/fall and having all other contact sports coming back at the same time is making what is already hard to find dry floor time even harder to secure.

It is with great regret but in the best interest and safety of all involved that the TOJLL announces that the 2020 season is officially cancelled. Our amazing groups of coaches and team management will continue to try and find a way to get players back on the floor for some possible exhibition games or small tournaments if at all possible as allowed. We strongly encourage any players interested in playing to keep in touch with their home teams and to watch the TOJLL website for more information.

We look forward to a full and exciting season in 2021 and hope to see you all then.

Thank you very much,

Jeff Hanley/Commissioner/Thompson Okanagan Junior B Tier 1 Lacrosse League