



# O.L.A. - Jr. 'B' Council



## June 4, 2020 Jr. B League Announcement

It is with much regret that the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League announces their decision to officially cancel the 2020 season. The health and safety of our members and their families are paramount and we appreciate that our members have been doing their personal best to help prevent this virus from spreading, Thank you for self-isolating, practicing social distancing and working to keep vulnerable people safe.

We had prepared schedules for various start dates, up to July 1<sup>st</sup>, but with the Government and Ministries of Health extending start-up dates further into the summer this decision was inevitable. Many players and teams were hopeful of a different outcome with players working to keep their stick skills up and trying to be prepared for any type of season to appear. Unfortunately this unavoidable conclusion was apparent to the entire League.

At this time it is still important to maintain a positive and healthy outlook, we cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together. We will look forward to returning to play this amazing game in 2021, remembering that Lacrosse symbolizes a spiritual ritual to honour, heal, and celebrate individuals and communities, which is why it is referred to as the “Medicine game”.

We now have time to ensure that the next season is the best that we can make it and look toward the Founders Tournament being hosted in mid-August by the Brampton Excelsiors, in honour of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lacrosse in Brampton.

This was a very sad day, but tomorrow is a new beginning.

*Dave Vernon*

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