



Update from the DESL executive

March 18th 2020

As we quickly approach the 2020 softball season, I would like to make you aware of some important upcoming events and their relation to the Coronavirus epidemic.

I apologize in advance as this letter is longer than I would like it to be however, there is some important info that needs to be told.

Cancellation of our AGM

Covid 19 is an unprecedented issue which the DESL has not taken lightly. Ultimately, there is no higher priority for us than the health, safety and physical well-being of each of you.

After careful consideration and thorough evaluation of current global and local events, we have decided to cancel the AGM, originally scheduled for April 5th, 2020. (Note: The civic center and many other local centers are now closed indefinitely)

At this time, we will not make a decision on the draft originally scheduled for April 26th 2020. More information will be published on our website.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

With that said, the Coronavirus has affected all of our lives, especially the lives of the elderly. No one wants to carry this virus to our loved ones and we all need to take special care of ourselves especially when we are around them. So please, do what you are told to do by our health care professionals to make sure the spread of this virus is contained as much as possible. For more info and continuous updates, you can visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

If the draft is to be held in a general meeting place, there is a possibility that we will not make it open to the public as we have done so many years in the past. Everyday the number reduces as to the limit allowed by our government when it comes to social gatherings. Today we stand at 50 (I believe), last week it was 250. There is even a possibility that our draft will take place on-line as many of our regular social gathering places have closed to the public. (The Civic Center included). With all this up in the air, it is sufficed to say, we will definitely keep you posted.

Now for some league news;

We have made some changes to our league, Jon Dankner our rules guy will make you all aware of those new rules in an email and on the website before you step onto the field. Most of them are not strategic with the exception of the following;

This year captains will be allowed to freeze 1 player ranging from round 6-12 using last year's playoff player's rankings. There may be a few amendments to that list as our Captain's ranking committee will be working a little overtime looking over the entire league to make sure where our players are ranked makes sense. Pitcher's and 1st year players will not be included in this 1 player freeze.

Also, Dankner and the executive with help from Berky will be sending all of you a quick survey asking your opinions on a few issues. We did this last year and received a fantastic response, somewhere around 80%, I am hoping to see at least the same if not better this year. Your feedback really helps us decide the future of this great league.

Be safe and respect distances!

Thank you,

Stuart Schwartz- President