



HOCKEY WEST ISLAND

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The Hockey West Island Executive would like to take a moment of your time to wish all of our players, officials, volunteers and their families, the best of health during these incredibly trying times. Hoping that all of our families are following the recommendations put forth by the various levels of government health services. If ever you need links to these recommendations, Hockey Lac St. Louis, Hockey Quebec, and Hockey Canada, all have links and other helpful articles and videos.

Hockey West Island is one big team, one big family. And with the sudden ending to our season, we never got a chance to say goodbye, thank you or even congratulate you on your season. Our Executive held a conference call last week to discuss what happens moving forward. Here are some of the points of discussion since our season ended so abruptly:

- The financial implications of the cessation of the season. With reduced financial obligations of the playoffs (officials, ice costs, etc.), comes reduced income from our biggest fundraiser of the year, our Novice-Atom-Pee wee Tournament, which is always scheduled for the first week in April. After analysis, we think our association will be able to handle this financial shock to our system.

- Our Social Media team has been hard at work over the last few days. If you follow HWI on Instagram, you will have undoubtedly been enjoying the Trivia Challenges. If you have been following HWI on Twitter & Facebook, you have undoubtedly been updated on all the latest info involving Covid-19 and your favourite hockey association.

- Our Equipment Manager asks that you take the opportunity to get both jerseys out of your hockey bags ASAP and wash them. If you have already done so, we thank you. When the hockey world get back up and running we will need the jerseys returned so everyone's team budget can be closed out. As logistics of a jersey return (team and/or individual) are currently impossible, we will look to figure that out when our lives return to some semblance of normal.

- Our Board will have to get together (via conference call) in the near future and figure out the logistics of our AGM and Registration, which traditionally take place in May and June.

- A huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers that helped make the entire 2019-20 season such a success! Whether it be coaches taking the time to plan practices, managers setting up every team's calendar and finances, Convenors spending countless hours at the arena or Board members making phone calls and attending meetings to ensure our association is running smoothly, we are incredibly fortunate to have the volunteers we do. We are never surprised by our community stepping up, but are always thankful that you do!

- As always, we are looking for volunteers at the ice level, but also at the Board level. If you have been thinking about lending a hand, please feel free to contact any of our Board members and let them know.

That is all from us for now. Stay healthy and stay home with your families. We miss you and look forward to seeing you all soon at our favourite arenas in Pointe-Claire and Dorval.

On behalf of your hockey association,

Andy Brookman – President

& The Hockey West Island Executive