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ONTARIO JUNIOR "C" LACROSSE LEAGUE TO SHIFT FOCUS TO LATE SUMMER EVENTS

TORONTO, ON – June 25th, 2021 – Representatives of the 17 teams which make up the Ontario Junior "C" Lacrosse League (OJCLL) have reached the decision to turn their attention away from plans to offer a full season schedule for 2021. This conclusion, borne purely from logistical uncertainties about which types of play will be permitted by the Ontario Government in the near future, was reached despite planning efforts and adjustments made to provide an abbreviated opportunity for players to participate in the Junior Lacrosse experience.

The OJCLL has decided its best course of action is to prepare for regional small-scale events to take place in late-summer of 2021. With the easing of provincial restrictions throughout June and July, individual, small group strength and conditioning training and team practices will give way to scrimmages, games and other condensed events as provincial guidance permits. From that point forward, the OJCLL Governors will examine the possibility of tournaments or other structured game play formats for players and teams throughout the league.

"The desire for our teams and players to compete remains as strong as ever, but we want to be realistic about which scenarios are possible. The league is looking at all possible options to return to play at later dates, should that opportunity to be both safe and beneficial for our teams and communities," remarked Reg Holinshead, OJCLL Commissioner. "These options will be outlined in more detail as the situation becomes clearer in the coming summer months."

OJCLL players (aged 17-21) who are registered, rostered or protected to a team which is unable to offer programming in 2021 are permitted to go to the nearest active OLA-sanctioned team that has room and is willing to accommodate them. These players must return to their current team for the 2022 season as this particular movement is not considered a release. Notification to the commissioner by any team who accepts a player who is registered, rostered or protected to another team is required. Throughout the next six weeks, players are encouraged to maintain regular contact with their teams to determine which playing opportunities are occurring within each community.

We look forward to sharing the initiatives of our Junior "C" teams this summer with the wider lacrosse community, and returning to play when it is safe to do so.


Reg Holinshead
OJCLL Commissioner