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OVA Message to Club Executives and Administrators

Hello OVA Club Family,

Even with things changing at a pace that nobody could have imagined as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, I wanted to take a moment to connect.

The last thing we want as an organization is for you to feel that you are alone. The OVA staff continues to work, albeit remotely, so if there is something that you need, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Offering programming and having clubs filled with people is the cornerstone of your business. We recognize and appreciate the sacrifices that the clubs are making by respecting the guidelines set out by the Boards of Health. Like you, we continue to work in the background to keep our membership up to date. We believe that by working together and supporting each other during this crisis we will head back to the courts in as strong a state as is possible.

In our Mission Statement, we say: "The OVA is an athlete-centred association where dedicated volunteers and professional staff provide leadership in the growth and development of volleyball for all Ontarians." As key stakeholders, the volleyball clubs in our province are front and center in making sure that the development of volleyball and its players takes place.

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and we appreciate the fluid and dynamic way in which you have been handling the current situation in a style that mirrors our own objectives. We want you to know that we are continuing to pay attention to the situation as it evolves in order to be able to bring you the most up to date information.

During this challenging and stressful time, it is important to note that as details and strategies continue to emerge, we support one another in all our different communities as best we can.

We are ever hopeful that things will return to normal as soon as possible but in the meantime, we respectfully suggest that you continue to follow the guidelines set out by Public Health to help with containing the spread of COVID-19.

The sport of volleyball is as strong as it is in the province of Ontario because of you. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing commitment.

Yours in Volleyball,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jo-Anne Ljubicic".

Jo-Anne Ljubicic

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