



United States Quad Rugby Association

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4000 Ridgeway Drive, Homewood, AL 35209-5563

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Dear USQRA Community,

Over the past several weeks, the Board of Directors of the USQRA has been monitoring the situation with COVID-19, known as the Coronavirus, and how it relates to our ability to safely host the 2020 USQRA National Tournament on March 27-29, 2020. During the last few days, the Board and Nationals host, Oscar Mike, have spent a significant amount of time investigating the recommendations of the CDC and WHO. We also conversed with representatives of local organizations, including the Winnebago County Health Department, the City of Rockford, the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Rockford Park District. The USQRA Board of Directors, in concert with Oscar Mike, decided that we could not in good conscience continue with previous plans to host the upcoming tournament and we have cancelled the 2020 USQRA National Tournament.

The Board would like to assure the athletes and all of those affected by the decision to cancel Nationals; including referees, classifiers, coaches, support staff, volunteers, our supporters and our many generous sponsors, that this decision was not taken lightly. Many of our athletes have compromised respiratory systems, and at no point do we want to be responsible for enabling the possible harm, hospitalization, and in the worst case scenario, potential death of a participant or anyone attending this tournament. In the end, the only right decision to make, in order to keep our athletes and all of those involved with the National Tournament safe, was to cancel the tournament. We will further discuss the future plans for the AGM and the annual awards for members of our league and we will communicate with the league as to what happens next. Please continue to work diligently to stay healthy, and we look forward to returning to the action this fall.

Best regards,

Board of Directors, United States Quad Rugby Association

*Smashing Stereotypes One Hit at a Time*