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A letter from the Tournament Director - Indian Prairie Showdown

Coaches & Team Managers,

There has been a lot of communications in the past week about summer events as we sort through the impacts of COVID-19 on our industry and beloved sport. We want to send a message to teams who are already attending or interested in attending the Showdown and give some assurances and information about our plans.

At this time we plan to move forward on our original weekend for The Showdown, July 24, 25, 26 - 2020. This could change based on any extensions of the stay at home orders or other mandates from the IL Governor. This summer marks our 15th year and it is our hope to run our event as consistently and safely as years past.

It is not realistic to assume that life and lacrosse will be the same this summer as it has been in previous years. We want to acknowledge this fact and share some of the considerations we are making to ensure that we have a successful and safe event. We also want to be sensitive to the fact that many of us have not had a chance to hold our summer team tryouts or collect registrations, which adds additional financial complications to the situation.

Deposits, Payments & Refunds

- We have lowered the deposit to \$250
- Balance payments will not be due until July 1st
- Should we have to cancel the event, we will offer a refund or a credit for a future event good for 1 year. Should the Showdown take place but you choose not to attend, no refund will be given.

Steps to protect our event and our teams, these precautions may not be necessary but we want to set your expectations

- Potentially adding an additional location (less than 5 miles away) to alleviate crowd sizes
- Adding more time between games to allow for crowd management, this may be done by reducing game time or potentially moving to a 4 game guarantee (would be one or the other)
- May limit spectators per team to stay within government regulations
- Eliminating the use of communal water jugs at each field
- Adding staff for frequent cleaning/sanitizing of facilities
- Following PPE guidelines, requiring masks if necessary
- Providing additional sanitizing or hand wash stations at each field

These are just some preliminary steps we are considering, at this time there is no way to know what will actually be required and what will be necessary. As I am sure we can all agree, we just want to get the girls on the fields and have some return to normalcy - but it is important to consider the safety and long term impacts of our decisions.

One last item to note, our HS Mixed Gold Division is open to 2020 players. Should there be substantial interest we will add another division just for 2020 teams.

So much is unknown and we will continue to communicate information as we have it and decisions are made on our end. For now, stay optimistic and stay healthy!

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