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## 2021 Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships

Hockey Alberta has made a difficult decision regarding this season's Provincial Championships. With the uncertainty we are facing in the fight against COVID-19, the decision has been made to **cancel all tournaments for the 2021 Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships, presented by ATB Financial**. These tournaments will not be rescheduled for the 2021 season.

This decision has been made with the safety of all our members and participants in mind. Within the current environment in Alberta related to COVID-19, hosting tournaments will likely not be possible, and making this decision now will ensure that members do not spend time, money and other resources in planning to host tournaments.

Hockey Alberta remains focused on working with government officials to develop a plan that will permit teams to return to practice and game play and keep our youth active for their physical and mental well-being. Working with League representatives at each level of hockey we hope to be able to salvage the season. The cancellation of Provincial tournaments provides leagues with the opportunity to plan the remainder of the season, scheduling play through until the end of the season for all teams.

Establishing the meaningful competition that is required to identify and move Teams from League play into Playoffs will not be easy. However, as we return to play this season, Leagues will have the ability to still find ways to determine a champion.

Hockey Alberta thanks ATB Financial for its continued support of minor hockey during these uncertain times.

Hockey Alberta remains optimistic that we can regroup and host the 2022 Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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