



Dear *Riverside Basketball Assoc. & Riverside Athletics* Families,

With growing global concerns around COVID-19 ("coronavirus"), we wanted to provide you with an update and our response to date and our commitment to you moving forward. The health, safety and well-being of our organization and families is the *Riverside Basketball Assoc. & Riverside Athletics* top and only priority. We are following the lead of Canadian public health authorities at this important time. We are committed to providing a clean, safe environment for our players, coaches and families.

Effective immediately the *Riverside Basketball Assoc.* will be suspending all activities at all of our facilities. This suspension will be in effect until Sunday April 5th and updates will be made when available.

We have been contacted by a growing number of families they have all been told the same thing. Stating there will be no *Riverside Basketball Assoc. team* or group in any gym or gathering place practicing period. As a responsible community partner we must do our part to contain and slow down this virus and in order to do so we must limit our interactions for now in groups and teams. We must practice social distancing until we can all comfortably gather with confidence.

Simply put "for now and the next two weeks there will be no team associated with *Riverside Basketball or Riverside Athletics* in a gym."

We will continue to update everyone and play this out one day at a time.

Additionally, the OBA has informed us that the U11 championships have been cancelled and the remainder of the OBA championships will be evaluated after the long Easter weekend. As well, our after March Break *Jr. Falcon* and *YBA: Youth Basketball Association Camps* have also been postponed until further notice.

As directors we are responsible for the wellbeing of this organization and that includes the risk and liability of everyone who enters facility under our banner. This decision was made out of the abundance of care for all involved and falls in line with the lead of every major corporation.

For further information or updates please contact either one of us, your coach or our e-media outlets:

<http://www.riversidefalconsbasketball.ca/> <https://www.facebook.com/Riverside-Falcons-Travel-Basketball-Club> Twitter: @riversidefalcon

Please be patient through these unprecedented challenges that lie ahead.

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<https://basketball.on.ca/statement-covid-19/>



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## **Statement on COVID-19**

Out of an abundance of caution Ontario Basketball has elected to, effective immediately, cancel OBA Championships, both Provincials and Ontario Cup, at the U11 and U12 age groups, and suspend all basketball programming for one month – through Easter long weekend, at which time we will reassess health advisories and safety measures as they relate to COVID-19.

Our commitment remains to promoting a healthy, active lifestyle and therein the health of our members comes first.

Following our communication to internal stakeholders yesterday, Ontario Basketball will continue to monitor the latest updates from the Public Health Agency of Canada, Canada's chief public health officer, and the Government of Canada and if there is a change in status, or new recommendations, we will provide updates on a timely basis.

While there does not appear to be significant risk to Ontario Basketball's demographic of membership we encourage you to be vigilant and take extra precaution for your own health and safety.

