



ETOBICOKE HOCKEY LEAGUE

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POSTPONEMENT OF HOUSE LEAGUE PROGRAM

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The Etobicoke Hockey League's governing body, the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), announced on October 4, 2020 that all sanctioned activities within their boundaries, are postponed until January 4th, 2021 and pending further advice from Provincial and City Health authorities.

The decision comes as a result of a rapid rise in the infection rate in the GTA and the return to a modified Stage 2, which included a limit to indoor activities and prohibit game activity.

The GTHL had originally issued its Return to Play Game Plan, which was set to begin on ice activities October 7th, 2020. The Game Plan was developed in alignment with Hockey Canada and the Ontario Hockey Federation. The framework was formulated with the experts from Sick Kids Hospital and Toronto Public Health. It was designed for a safe return and a secure environment with strict precautions in place to try and minimize the spread of Covid-19.

The Etobicoke Hockey League were working diligently towards the return to hockey to our participants in a safe, fun-filled environment. We exhausted every avenue to do so until the GTHL announcement. I thank all the coaches, volunteers, and Board members for all their sacrifice in the months leading up to this decision by the GTHL.

The GTHL's decision on October 4th to postpone the season until at least January 4th, was based on data and input from leading health and government officials. This decision is supported by EHL for the safety of everyone involved.

EHL retained over 90% participant membership even with Covid-19 in our lives. This is an amazing testament of you the parents in supporting our community league. We will come back, bigger, and stronger. When remains to be seen. Rest assured we are planning a return that will have 'added' value activities.

On behalf of the entire EHL we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support!

There will be a forthcoming announcement posted on our website as we receive updates on a possible return.

Refund options will be announced shortly.

Stay well and keep safe!

Yours in Sport

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