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To: Players, Parents, Coaches, and Volunteers

From: HNO Central Zone Minor Hockey Associations

Date: 2/25/2021

Re: Cancellation of the Remaining 2020-2021 Season

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Last evening, all Minor Hockey Associations had a meeting to discuss the current state of hockey in Thunder Bay. As a result of a recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Thunder Bay, all members collectively made the decision to cancel all hockey activities in the central zone until at least April 14<sup>th</sup>, ultimately ending the 2020-2021 hockey season.

Safety has been and will continue to be the number one priority for all participants, coaches, parents and volunteers. In consultation with Hockey Northwestern Ontario and HNO's Chief Medical Officer, it was ultimately decided that the current state of COVID-19 does not provide a safe environment to continue to provide minor hockey programs.

We would like to thank all coaches and volunteers for their time and efforts in providing the programs we were able to in a COVID-19 restrictive year. Your contribution to our sport during a pandemic is admirable and would not be able to happen without your help. To all players, please stay safe. Although it wasn't the season we all hoped it would be, we encourage you to start looking towards next year. The decision to cancel the rest of this season is in effort to help give you a better season next year.

Thank you for everyone's understanding during these trying times. Stay home, stay safe, and we hope to see you back on the ice next season.

