

Kitchener Waterloo Predators Volleyball Club

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Dear Parents and Beach Athletes

After a great deal of deliberation, our club has decided to cancel the beach program until the Province of Ontario, Regional Health and the OVA ease the Return to Play restrictions that we must legally adhere to.

We know that the restrictions are put in place to ensure the health and safety of the athletes and the coaches.

Right now, Waterloo Region is in Phase 2 and the current guidelines make it extremely difficult to offer a quality program that the kids would enjoy. Some of the guidelines include:

- A maximum of 5 people on a court (4 athletes and a coach).
- A maximum gathering of 10 people at any given time (2 courts being used)
- A strong recommendation of one 60 minutes court time per session.
- The group of four athletes and the coach must remain the same for the whole program. Therefore, if an athlete is absent, you will only have 3 athletes playing until they return (this is done for tracking purposes)
- Athletes must maintain social distancing while training
- NO COMPETITION. No games are allowed as this might compromise social distancing.

These are a few of the numerous restrictions and we have not included all the pre-checks and sanitation guidelines that we are required to follow before and after every session.

Players want to play and our coaches want the them to play. We know that running controlled drills all the time, can get tedious.

Where do we go from here?

We appreciate how patient all of you have been while waiting for word from the province about returning to play. We do not know when the restrictions will ease or when we will be moving into phase 3, so we will be issuing full refunds to everyone that has paid. If you have paid by credit card, we will be issuing a credit to your card. If you paid by cheque or e-transfer, you can expect a cheque in the mail.

We have not given up on running a beach volleyball program for this summer. Return to Play rules are constantly changing. Once changes are made that will allow us to run a program that the players will enjoy and that meets our standards, we will reopen our registration. At that time, we will send an email to each of you informing you of the reopening and the registration process.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this might cause, however we do remain optimistic that we will still be playing volleyball before the end of the summer.

Thank you and take care.

Preds Executive.