



Thursday, March 12, 2020

Dear Heidelberg Colleagues,

Today, I participated in two conference calls with my Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) president counterparts to determine the future of the spring sports seasons in light of the widespread precautionary measures being taken to help slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

These discussions were thorough and difficult. Ultimately, the OAC has decided to cancel the spring sports seasons at all of our member schools. The cancellation is effective on Monday, March 16, 2020. NCAA-sanctioned championships for winter sports will wrap up this weekend. Other scheduled games and matches scheduled for this weekend can be played.

Below is the OAC's announcement:

*In an effort to protect the health and safety of all of our students and the communities we serve, the Presidents Council of the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) has voted to cancel all 2020 spring sports seasons, effective March 16 through the remainder of the academic year. This includes all athletically-related activities as defined by the NCAA. In addition, all meetings, practices and other off-season activities for other sports have also been cancelled.*

*While we recognize the profound disappointment that will be felt by the many student-athletes, parents, fans and coaches, the ongoing spread and uncertainty of COVID-19 have made the continuation of athletic activities untenable.*

*Individual OAC institutions will decide the NCAA championship participation status and remaining practice/meetings needs of winter teams and student-athletes who have qualified. In addition, the Conference deeply regrets having to cancel the Clyde Lamb Awards Banquet scheduled for May.*

*The Conference will appeal to the NCAA to re-gain a season of eligibility and an extra semester to participate for all spring student-athletes who have participated thus far at OAC member institutions.*

Sincerely,

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President