

To our Lakehead University Student Athletes, Coaches, and the Athletics Community,

Today, Ontario University Athletics (OUA) issued an announcement about a recent decision by its Board of Directors to cancel all OUA-sanctioned sport programming and championships up to December 31, 2020. Any decisions regarding OUA programming beyond January 1, 2021 will be made at a later date.

I know you all share my disappointment in hearing this news, however I think it's important that we continue to make decisions that best protect our community, our university, and our athletes. I also know you understand the difficult position our sport governing bodies were in as they made this unfortunate but necessary decision.

My message to Lakehead University's student athletes and students, as well as to our communities, is to stay strong during these challenging times and continue to make the best decisions about your safety and the safety of others.

While the OUA's decision does not directly affect sports in Orillia, we will stay connected with our Lakehead Orillia student athletes to ensure they are fully informed about their upcoming seasons.

Lakehead University's commitment to our student athletes is unwavering, and we will work with you to keep everyone informed about next steps with regards to the OUA's decision.

Finally, I would like to thank our student athletes for their continued dedication to our institution, to their sport, and to the Thunderwolves program.

Sincerely,



Tom Warden
Director, Athletics
Lakehead University