

Hi EBHC Family,

As I mentioned in my email on Tuesday, the Committee met last night, and I would like to provide an update to our club members, family, volunteers and supporters.

Before I start, I would like to welcome all new members to the club and would like to assure you Blades has a strong leadership and we are confident that together our Blades family can traverse these uncertain times.

Our primary concern at all times is the health and wellbeing of our Blades family, which includes members, their partners and families, friends and our loyal supporters.

At itsll meeting last night, the Committee resolved to:

- Suspend ALL formal training activities including weeknights and weekends;
- Cancel or postpone ALL events including scratch matches and the annual Pingelly pre-season match; and
- Reassess the fee structure for this year taking into consideration the reduced season (this will be reliant on further information from Hockey WA and our suppliers/partners including the City of Swan).

To ensure that we are able to be responsive to this constantly changing environment, the Committee will meet again in 3-4 weeks' time to reassess issues such as training, events, fees etc. taking into account the latest information available to us.

In this time of uncertainty, we encourage all members of our Blades family to stay connected with their team mates through the variety of communication mediums available as we feel connectedness is of vital importance, particularly when so many of our members and/or their family members are working from home or have other changed level of social interaction and can feel isolated.

Given these potential feelings of isolation, where feelings of anxiety and depression can be heightened, we remind our Blades family that there is help available and encourage you to access the many resources available including the [Beyond Blue](#) website or [RU OK](#) websites.

There is also a myriad of information on the progress of COVID-19 being issued constantly, some more reliable than others, so I encourage you to source your information from:

- Commonwealth Health Department: [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) or;
- WA Health Department on [www2.health.wa.gov.au](http://www2.health.wa.gov.au)

The Committee are also committed to supporting our Blades family and wider community through these unprecedented times and so watch out for periodic emails from me and check out our Facebook page and website for news and the latest information from HWA or other agencies regarding Season 2020.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact me or Ceri Writer, Senior Vice President (E: [ceri.writer@gmail.com](mailto:ceri.writer@gmail.com) P: 0447 668 776) and we'd be only too happy to speak with you.

Yours in hockey,

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