

For Immediate Release

Wisconsin Sports Services (WSS)

March 16, 2020

Re: WSS Cancels All Divisions for Badgerland State Championships for March 21-22

Statement on Wisconsin Sports Services, Badgerland State Champs and COVID-19



Hello Coaches,

It is with sincere regret to have to inform you that due to circumstances that are out of our control that the tournament scheduled for this weekend – March 21st & 22nd – has been **CANCELLED**.

The event is at the mercy of the facilities in which they are held and unfortunately some school districts have decided to close their doors to try and slow the progression of COVID-19 in addition to being made aware that many teams have decided not to participate on their own decision.

The safety of the youth players, coaches, parents/fans, and officials throughout the state of Wisconsin has always been our #1 priority and with the current evolving landscape of the COVID-19 situation, our Board of Directors, Basketball Board of Advisors, and WSS staff all felt it was necessary to cancel play for this weekend's Badgerland State Championships.

While our organization is saddened that we are not able to provide opportunities through sport and competition this weekend, it was necessary to make this decision in order to minimize the risk to our participants and their families. We celebrate the success of all Wisconsin winter community-based traveling basketball teams throughout the state during the 2019-2020 season, as well as the time and effort so many people have invested in this premier event. We're thankful to our sponsors, tournament directors, hosts, officials' assignors, and so many others for their support in making youth basketball an enjoyable experience for all.

Over the coming days, we plan to make decision regarding refunds for tournament entry fees. Once a determination is made, we will communicate these details to all teams.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this difficult situation.

Sincerely,

WSS Staff