



United States Quad Rugby Association

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Dear USQRA Community,

Everyone has been adapting to the constant changes to our daily routines that have come with the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that there is a lot going on in everybody's lives. However, also, we are likely thinking about the abrupt ending of the USQRA's season and the resultant questions. Questions that need to be addressed: Is there going to be an Annual General Meeting (AGM)? Who are the Athletes of the Year and when will they be announced? Who is the winner of the Spirit of Achievement Award? What are the plans for next year's season? The Board of Directors met last night and discussed all of these issues, and we hope that our answers help relieve some apprehension in these very interesting times.

The AGM will occur one way or another during the summer months. It is our hope that with this meeting, we will be able to engage the largest amount of representatives of the league. We are planning on, at the very least, doing a teleconference setup, which would not be hindered by the COVID-19 outbreak. We understand that this will be a challenging task. We would prefer to have a physical meeting. A hybrid of the two ideas would be ideal – partially in-person and partially via teleconference. We are planning on setting up a potential weekend date in a central location with optimal transportation and lodging, with the most cost-efficient setup, to allow the greatest amount of participation. Potential weekends that have been discussed include one of the last two weekends in July. This way we can make sure that any changes to the Constitution and Bylaws can be enacted before they have an effect on the upcoming season. As we learn more about what is happening with the outbreak, we will reach out to the membership to solidify plans. We want to make sure that all of you know that we consider your well-being a paramount issue, and we will not set up an event that could potentially result in the harm of any one of our members.

We all look forward to seeing who will win this year's Athletes of the Year and Spirit of Achievement Awards. Both will be announced to much fanfare and attention via USQRA Social Media. We wish to give these individuals the recognition that they deserve. We

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will have a week dedicated to these individuals, where they will be announced daily, one by one, so that each person can soak up the accolades of their peers. We will be announcing these awards in early April. Please keep your eyes peeled for updates.

Finally, what are the plans for next year? We expect to start the season on time, with competition at the regularly scheduled tournaments. We know that a lot can change and change quickly during these times, but, we will adapt and overcome challenges as they arise. Please feel free to reach out to the Board of Directors at any time with questions or concerns at secretary@usqra.org. Thank you for your patience and flexibility. We look forward to seeing everyone next season!

Sincerely,

Michael Klonowski
Secretary, United States Quad Rugby Association

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