

TO:	Coaches/Parents/Guardians of Athletes
FROM:	Charlie O'Dell
RE:	Spring/Winter Athletics Regarding COVID-19
DATE:	04-03-2020

Good afternoon,

The MHSAA announced this afternoon that the Winter and Spring seasons are officially canceled for this year. The official announcement can be found at mhsaa.com. As your athletic director, I know this is an emotional time, especially for our senior athletes and their parents/guardians. Yet, as always, the safety of the Kenowa Hills student-athletes and our community is our top priority. With this in mind, we are canceling all winter banquets, spring banquets, and team gatherings.

However, the Kenowa Hills Athletic Boosters and the athletic department will still give seniors an opportunity to be awarded the Outback Scholarship Award. The information that seniors need to turn in was sent out yesterday by my assistant, Vicki Bekins. We will also honor senior athletes as we have done in the past without the banquet/gathering piece. The athletic department will still award a male and female athlete of the year, award our OK Conference Scholar-Athletes, and award our athletes who have earned eight or more varsity letters during their high school career. More information will be sent out to seniors regarding this process.

As for pay to play spring athletes, the district plans on voiding and shredding all checks that were turned into the athletic office. If you paid in cash, you will be refunded your money by check through the central administration office. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie O'Dell <u>codell@khps.org</u> or Vicki Bekins <u>vbekins@khps.org</u>.

As a reminder, all athletic facilities are still closed and will be until further notice.

Thank you for your time, and as always, GO KNIGHTS!

Sincerely,

Charlie O'Dell Director of Athletics Kenowa Hills High School

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