



United States Quad Rugby Association

4000 Ridgeway Drive, Homewood, AL 35209-5563

COVID-19 Task Force Statement – May 28th, 2020

The United States and the rest of the World has been grappling with how to manage a pandemic and how to return to some semblance of what we consider “normal.” At this point, we do not know what that normal will look like and how it affects the way we run our league and compete in our sport.

However, one thing is a constant; we all have to keep healthy and stay safe. It is paramount to the leadership of the United States Quad Rugby Association (USQRA) to promote competition through the sport of Wheelchair Rugby, while supporting a safe environment for everyone involved in the sport. The Board of Directors met several weeks ago and created a COVID-19 Task Force to evaluate the next steps for the league. The Task Force is made up of members of the Board, referees, classifiers, athletes and coaches. The Task Force created four sub-committees:

- **Survey Committee**
 - Chairperson – Mike Cottingham – vp1@usqra.org
 - Hear the voices of the membership concerning COVID 19
- **Gameplay Safety Committee**
 - Chairperson – Kerin Banfield - spokesref@gmail.com
 - Assess current gameplay, safety risks and limit potential exposure
- **Alternative Season Structure Committee**
 - Chairperson – Daniel Curtis – vp2@usqra.org
 - Assess current season plans and potential modifications
- **Communication Committee**
 - Chairperson – Mike Klonowski – secretary@usqra.org
 - Communicate compiled information of the Task Force

These committees will be meeting consistently over the next several months as we collect information and update our recommendations/guidelines to safely return to sport. At this point the information available is constantly changing. The framework we have created will allow us to adapt as the understanding of COVID-19 improves.

The Task Force is working diligently to identify ways to safely return to the sport we love. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we look for answers and we welcome your voice in this process. If you wish to contribute, please contact one of the chair people or a member of the Task Force. It is important to note that we are in an information gathering phase and formulating our policies and procedures and that no decisions have been made at this time.

We will be providing updates to you as information becomes available and share decisions as they are made. At a minimum, these updates will be communicated on a monthly basis.

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