



This letter reflects our current situation. These updates will be monthly, or more frequent if there are major updates

October 1, 2020

Dear LVC Family Members,

Thank you for signing with LVC for the 2020/2021 season. With the OVA season already postponed to January and all area school boards putting all permits on hold until at least January 2021, we have chosen to make our athletes' safety our number one priority. Trying to fit an old formula into the new world would be irresponsible of us as your club. The shortcomings of an irresponsible decision in 2020 could unfortunately lead to serious health consequences and even tragedies.

We have taken the lead and consulted with many of Canada's top volleyball athlete development experts who have assured us that spending a year focusing on the development of an athlete's body and mind would be the greatest thing we could do for the athletes' volleyball development at this point. To this end we have directed coaches to encourage their athletes to join the LVC Academy, while offering non-mandatory small-group safe outdoor practices (weather permitting). We will also continue to closely monitor provincial Covid numbers and government guidelines/mandates and will evolve our position as necessary.

LVC is a not-for-profit organization that has operated since our inaugural year with dedicated volunteers and government subsidized community use of facilities. Your fees have predominantly covered OVA registration, tournament fees, gear and uniform costs. The new world will not be about finding new gyms. London schools and post-secondary institutes have some of the cleanest gyms and ventilation systems, maintained by professional custodial services. Given that these institutions have shut down their school practices in their own bubbles, we acknowledge and respect their clear message of safety. We will definitely not be increasing your family's health risks by having indoor activities in this current phase of Covid. We have last season's gyms secured and on hold in the event that we're able to proceed with indoor play in January. This season Ontario joins the provinces of BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, who every year begin their seasons in January.

LVC has altered the London sports landscape in a positive way. We were the original sport family. We were the first to embrace Safe Sport and the Rule of Two. Expect your club to lead the way in new initiatives as we balance the scales and create better and safer opportunities for athletes to develop.

Where will we be in a year or two? We refuse to let a lack of imagination dictate your club's future and we look forward to embracing a new and improved way.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Bellehumeur", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Bellehumeur
President
London Volleyball Club