



Jr. All- American Football of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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From the office of the JAAFSC Conference Commissioner:

Re: 2020 Football Season

ATTN : All 29 Chapters of the JAAFSC Conference:

It is with great disappointment that the JAAFSC Conference announces that the 2020 Fall Football and Cheer season is canceled due to the COVID-19 situation, and the impact it has made on the health and safety of the citizens of the state of California, including Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. At no point was the JAAFSC going to put the safety of our 4,500 participants, their parents, their families, and our many volunteers at risk over youth sports. However, we remained poised to offer a 2020 Fall season if the opportunity to do so safely could be realized and facility use for all 29 Chapters could be attained.

As had been announced and posted online for the past three months, the JAAFSC had been waiting on the State of California, the CIF Southern Section, and Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to determine their stances on the 2020 Fall Youth Sports season before making our assessment and decision concerning starting the 2020 season, and whether it would start on a traditional timeline or be postponed to a later date... or cancel the season altogether.

As evidenced by the decision of the State of California last Friday to shutter on campus schooling for the 2020 Fall Semester in counties currently on the State's "Watchlist", the likelihood of beginning the preseason on the date as prescribed by the rule book, plus the two week extension voted on by the JAAFSC Executive Council on July 6, 2020, was extremely unlikely.

Riverside and San Bernardino Counties would both have to fall off the watchlist, and remain as such for 14 days, before we could contemplate starting the procedures necessary to begin the 2020 season.

Starting the 2020 season would require (like any other season beforehand) a period of registration, a preseason minimum of 5 weeks (Hellweek, followed by the first week of tackling and splitting of teams in the larger chapters, a week culminated by paper certification, then a week finalized by Weight certification). We would then need 10 days to prepare for "Make-up" Certification... which occurs in week 1 of the regular season.

Again, the 5-week period could only begin once BOTH Counties fell off the list. With an abundance of optimism, we refrained from any action until the CIF Southern Section would make their decision. Shuttered Schools would prevent a greater majority of chapters from having a season, unless the Counties cleared the list and the school districts in our 29 cities reacted expeditiously to allow games, but more importantly practices for those chapters using school facilities for those activities. However, all chapters needed to be able to participate for a 2020 season to occur.

Ultimately, the decision by the CIFSS on 7-20-2020 to postpone Fall Sports to the New Year finalized our decision to cancel the 2020 JAAFSC season... based on facility use.

We had been aware in the weeks leading up to that date, that the multitude of scenarios described above which needed to take place, and take place in a timely fashion, could potentially seal our fate.

Therefore, we arrived at our decision that a 2020 season could not occur, and we look forward to a 2021 season which will include a 7 on 7 program beginning in March, as we then collectively march forward to a fall 2021 season as a Conference. It is our hope that the effort we made to salvage a 2020 season will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill Ward

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