

Kimmett Cuppers,

The Covid-19 pandemic is an unprecedented public health emergency: It has changed the way we work; where we shop; who we socialize with; and how we play sport.

Amidst all this transformation, one thing that has not changed is the ongoing need of our most vulnerable populations. Low income families, homeless people, minority groups, children, the elderly, and those with mental and physical health problems have all been disproportionately affected by Covid-19; the resulting lock-down and ensuing social isolation.

These at-risk groups are the ones that benefit the most from charity events like the Kimmett Cup. Unfortunately, our charitable partners are also struggling due to the Pandemic; Make-a-Wish donations are down 65% in southern Alberta; The Children's Cottage Society is currently turning away 10 children a day from their Crisis Nursery; Many other local charities are struggling with the increased need in our community as well.

Over the past two months, the Kimmett Cup Organizing Committee has been considering the benefits and risks of continuing to host the Kimmett Cup amid the current Pandemic. We have tried to weigh the loss of our support to local charities against the risk we pose to public health by increasing the interaction between participating individuals.

At this point, we believe that The Kimmett Cup cannot proceed *in the usual manner*. However, we think that a scaled down event that minimizes participant contact and adheres to local and AHS guidelines can keep everyone safe and allow us to continue to support needy groups in our community.

The Kimmett Cup Safety plan was developed with the possibility of a worsening pandemic in mind. We believe that even if things worsen, our safety plan can still keep participants and the community at large safe. However, we recognize that it is not possible to plan for all eventualities. Therefore, we will be continuously watching local and AHS guidelines and understand that we may need to adjust our plans accordingly; including the possibility the Kimmett Cup may need to be cancelled outright.

The Cochrane Emergency Coordination Centre has approved our safety plan, with the understanding that a final determination about the viability of Kimmett Cup 13 will be made closer to the event and with the most up-to-date evidence and guidelines in mind.

We hope that the strategy outlined in our proposal will reassure you that we can keep the community safe, and underscore the seriousness with which we view the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Sincerely,

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