

COVID-19 SHUTS DOWN NCBBA-M NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Unfortunately the impacts of the Corona Virus and the most up-to-date measures to prevent spread have now been prolonged past the scheduled date of the NCBBA-Men's National Championship (April 17-19). With that being said, it is with great disappointment to notify all NCBBA Men's member teams and especially the recently crowned Regional Champions that we must cancel the 2020 National Championship Tournament scheduled to be held in South Bend, IN. With The White House issuing an extension to national social distancing guidelines through April 30th and Indiana currently being under a "Stay at Home" order, hosting this event has become an impossibility given the circumstances.

With 91% of the regular season having been completed prior to the outbreak, we have decided to crown a 2020 NCBBA-M National Champion based upon the merits earned over the course of the regular season.

- **UMass-Lowell – Finished #1 in the New England North conference during regular season, posting an 18-0 Conference Record. They were also recognized as the #1 ranked team nationally in the latest Phenom Elite Top 20 Poll.**

While we can all agree, this is certainly not how we envisioned or wanted this season to come to an end, it is the reality given the impact of COVID-19. We hope that you can join us in congratulating UMass-Lowell on a fantastic season. We thank you all for your continued support of the NCBBA and the love for the game.

We do wish we were in a much different state of the world and had much better news to provide. However, we have been optimistic throughout this process and will continue to do so. We hope that you can share in our optimism and know that we as a league will be better than ever in 2020-2021.

We will be in touch in the coming days and weeks with updates on this past season as well as the upcoming one. In the meantime, I encourage you all to participate in the All-American selection process by filling out the nomination form that was emailed to you. Also, be sure to tune into the NCBBA Annual League Meeting on April 22nd at 7pm EST. More details regarding that meeting will be sent out in the coming days. Also, please be sure to check your email regularly, as we will be in touch soon regarding plans moving forward to prepare for next season. If you have any questions in the meantime, please let us know. Stay safe!

Sincerely,

Sandy Sanderson
President
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