



Letter from the President | April 26, 2020

Dear GLWSL Managers and players,

It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Season. Based on all the latest updates from CDC and the State of Michigan, the decision had come to a vote which was unanimous in favor to suspend play till next year.

Nationally, all major tournaments have been canceled, and multiple adult leagues throughout the country have suspended their seasons. An all clear has not been issued from the USASA/USSF. For Michigan in particular, the Governor has once again extended the *Shelter at Home* order. Based upon the best available information at this time, Michigan is at best on track to end the CoVID-19 curve in the June/July time frame. Even if the Governor were to issue an "all clear" by April 30th, the youth programs would have priority over all GLWSL fields and referees. With all of this, we would not have enough time to fit our season in. It is because of all these factors that the Board decided as we did.

I know how anxious we are to play again, see our friends and get back to normal. Our soccer community relies on everyone taking their part in flattening the curve so that we can return to the pitch. Our #1 goal is to provide all women in the GLWSL a safe place to play, so I appreciate your patience and understanding. This situation is unique, and I hope to never see again in my lifetime. For now, please stay healthy and safe. Keep in touch with your teammates and always support each other. We will get through this because our little soccer community is amazing. We are fighters. God bless.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elma Riley".

Elma Riley

President - Great Lakes Women's Soccer League