



# BALTIMORE NIGHTHAWKS

Nighthawks Nation,

As Coronavirus (COVID-19) spreads throughout the world our thoughts are with you. The health and safety of our athletes, coaches, operations and support staff, fans, sponsors and community remain our priority. We hope everyone is following the guidelines in their area and staying healthy and safe. We would like to provide an update on the 2020 season. Our league, the Women's Football Alliance (WFA) has delayed the start of the season. As a result, and in conformance with our state and local governments' directives and recommendations, we have canceled all in-person activities including practice, community outreach and fundraising until we have confirmation that it is safe to resume. We are excited for the season and look forward to the opportunity to provide you with the best fan experience possible.

## Season Notes

Our preseason began on January 4 th at our indoor facilities in Severn and Baltimore. We currently have over 30 players including a rookie class that is extremely talented, enthusiastic and committed to learning the game. With our experienced veteran core, we are ready for a 13 th season that would bring playoff action to Baltimore.

On Saturday, March 7 we held our first ever joint practice with the reigning World Champion Boston Renegades. We did this in an effort to share best practices, to grow competition within our region, and to promote community among the players and staff. We were joined by Coach Lori Locust of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, our sponsor the United States Coast Guard, CKFit, and Motive Pure hydration company. We look forward to expanding this program over the next few years.

Beginning the week of March 16, our players and coaches began virtual learning and film sessions to continue our player development.

## Moving Forward

This has been a challenging time for many football programs across the league. Players who want to be on the field. Coaches ready to teach. Team owners wondering how to keep their small businesses operating. This is while we all maintain the parts of our lives that are separate from football. We are doing everything we can to ensure a successful 2020 season and we will keep you posted as events unfold. COVID-19 is a challenge the world was not prepared for. We do not know when activities will resume. Return to normal activity will also not be uniform, as some states will need to be in quarantine/lock-down longer than others. Teams will be dealing with issues that they have not planned for, and there will be significant financial burdens for organizations to overcome. There will be players and staff who suffer significant financial setbacks and may not be able to continue. We will continue to work together to overcome these difficulties, and we will continue to prepare for the 2020 season in the future. We know it will not be a traditional season, but we look forward to getting our women's tackle football team back on the field.

We will return to a life where social interaction and sports are possible. Hopefully this experience will make us all better humans. Until then, physical separation does not stop the work. It just changes it.  
#ChangeTheGame.

Thank you for the love and support you have shown the Baltimore Nighthawks.

To everyone at home stay healthy. To all the essential workers across various industries, stay safe. We appreciate everything you are doing.

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