A Message from the USHA President

Dear Handball Family,

As you are aware, most areas of the country are changing the way they operate as their response to COVID-19. Daily (and at times, hourly), businesses, schools, organizations, and families are adapting as the virus spreads. The higher presence of COVID-19 in some areas of the country have necessitated a higher level of response as per state governor, health department, and other agency compliance.

The USHA National Masters Singles Championships was scheduled at the Downtown YMCA in Nashville and we were all excited to go there. The hosts and the USHA were prepared to exercise extra caution to support the health and safety of our members, players, and families. However, we have just received word that, in accordance with health department directives and COVID-19 concerns, the host site is not able to hold the tournament at this time. Many, many places across the country are limiting the ability to hold large gatherings and are making special efforts to practice social distancing. So, while we looked forward to the Nashville event, and as much as our Nashville friends wanted to host us, we appreciate and respect the decision to postpone the tournament. The USHA was already discussing canceling the tournament at this time out of concern for our players and families. Thus, it was the best decision that could be made at this volatile time. We will work with the Downtown YMCA to look for a future date in which they can host.

We realize this is late notice, and for that we apologize. We understand this may create an inconvenience to many. In the past few weeks, we had already received numerous cancelations and we will continue our full refund policy for entry fees. We are also pleased that most businesses associated with travel (e.g., airlines, hotels) are accommodating cancelations, as well.

As we navigate this ever-evolving environment of the coronavirus, tough decisions must be made at tough times. Most importantly, we care about you and your families, and we appreciate your understanding. We want to thank the staff at the Downtown YMCA, the Tennessee Handball Association, Scott Clinton, and Joel OConnor for their support of handball and the USHA.

Yours in Handball,

LeaAnn Martin
USHA President