

To: Annual Members
From: OGC Board of Directors
Subject: We are all in this together!

Dear OGC Annual Members,

On behalf of the OGC Board of Directors, we hope you and your family are doing well and staying healthy during this global health crisis.

The Board has continued to meet to review and approve the OGC's COVID-19 response plans. Our objectives are to:

- keep our members and employees safe;
- ensure OGC remains financially viable;
- maintain connections and offer some programming between coaches and athletes; and
- develop a safe return to gym plan.

At this point, there is no planned date for a return to gym.

What follows is a summary of the current support measures implemented by the Board and an outline of further support efforts, including how you can help.

CURRENT SUPPORT MEASURES IMPLEMENTED BY THE BOARD

Support for Families

Recognizing the high level of uncertainty families are facing, the Board decided to cease membership payments in April 2020 until further notice.

However, our coaching staff remains committed to supporting athletes emotional and physical development, while they are away from the gym. The coaching staff have designed a Virtual Program that include Google Classrooms with conditioning programs, online links, and resources for athletes and families. Coaches will provide more information soon, and continue to find ways to connect with your children until we can return to the gym.

Last week, the Board approved a motion to waive the balance of all outstanding support hours for members for the remainder of the 2019-2020 season. Our goal is, where possible, to eliminate any additional burden to our members during this crisis. For those members who have achieved all of their support hours - **THANK YOU!**

Our Valued Employees

The most difficult decisions have been around OGC's valued employees. At this time, all part-time employees have been temporarily laid off due to a shortage of work. Full time employees have either agreed to a temporary salary reduction or have been temporarily laid off due to a shortage of work, based on whichever option was best for them.

The Board also established an COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance (loan) to any full-time employee who requires support as a result of this crisis.

We are grateful for the co-operation, support, and professionalism of the OGC employees during this challenging time.

FURTHER EFFORTS TO SUPPORT OGC

Additional work continues on identifying revenue opportunities, reducing expenses and accessing all applicable government assistance programs as OGC is still committed to some fixed operational costs.

Fundraising Raffle

Right now, the only source of revenue for OGC is the [Ottawa Gymnastics Centre Fundraising Raffle](#), which was launched on March 6, 2020 - one week before the gym shut down. OGC has, since, been able to secure approval from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to change the draw dates. The **new draw dates** are as follows:

<i>Early Bird Draw</i>	<i>June 15, 2020</i>	<i>\$1,000 Cash</i>
<i>Grand Prize Draw</i>	<i>December 15, 2020</i>	<i>Subaru Crosstrek, Touring Model</i>

Last spring, in lieu of an increase in competitive fees for the 2019-2020 season, the Board approved a budget with a car raffle as a large fundraiser. As a result, each athlete is responsible for **fundraising \$500** through raffle ticket sales.

For those members who are currently in a position to do so, we are asking for **your support** to continue selling tickets for the [Ottawa Gymnastics Centre Fundraising Raffle](#).

The goal is for each athlete to achieve their \$500 fundraising commitment by June 30, 2020.

The Board recognizes that these are difficult times and the various impacts COVID-19 is having on our members and their families. Therefore, if an athlete does not achieve their fundraising commitment by June 30, 2020, the outstanding fundraising balance from the 2019-2020 season will carry forward into the 2020-2021 season. The athlete will then have until December 15, 2020 to complete the \$500

fundraising commitment. Please note, that the outstanding balance carried forward will be in addition to any fundraising requirements for the 2020-2021 season (which have yet to be determined).

OGC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Never in our wildest imaginations did we anticipate that the OGC would celebrate its 60th anniversary under these circumstances, but if we all work together, we will get through this difficult time and families can return to a club that continues to be a place of support, growth, and fun, for so many children in the Ottawa Community.

Together, with your help, we know we can do this!

Sincere thanks,

Nancy Crump
President, Ottawa Gymnastics Centre Board of Directors

P.S. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Executive Director, [Sureen Gosal](#).

OTTAWA GYMNASTICS CENTRE RAFFLE INFORMATION

Online ticket sales: ogcraffle.com

Tickets: \$25 each

Early Bird Draw - \$1,000 - June 15, 2020

Grand Prize Draw - 2020 Subaru Crosstrek, Touring Model - December 15, 2020

Get credit towards your fundraising goal for your raffle ticket sales: please make sure your ticket purchasers select the name of your athlete to support from the “Please Select an Athlete to Support” drop-down list on the ticket purchase page.

OGC will be following up in the next week with promotional material you can use to promote the raffle to your social networks.

Tickets must be purchased in the province of Ontario (ticket purchaser does not have to live in the province).

OGC will also be promoting the raffle to the community at large.