

## Time to consider alternative ideas to replace summer sports

It may be time to start considering some alternative activities for your children this summer.

If your kids usually sign up for summer league sports, there is now a good chance that many leagues are going to write off the season.

We are now moving into the months were pre-season tryouts normally start for rep teams in baseball, soccer and lacrosse.

The tryouts for rep teams have all been put on hold, with no real estimate of when they could resume.

Even regular house league activities are at a standstill.

While league executives would normally be putting teams together and working on a schedule, they have not been allowed to meet to hash things out.

Some leagues may attempt to start up during the summer with a shortened season. However leagues that are dependent on arenas to play their sport will have to wait until municipalities decide it is safe to open their facilities to the public once again.

The New Tecumseth Recreation Centre is currently closed with no estimate of a date that it may re-open as of yet.

A posting on the Centre's Facebook page states: ?Spring programs cancelled. Summer program registration date to be announced and posted at [www.newtecumseth.ca](http://www.newtecumseth.ca) Facebook and Twitter.?

With so much uncertainty, some summer programs have already been cancelled as organizers can't plan ahead.

Ontario Basketball has cancelled all summer programs, and several other groups are poised to do the same

Some leagues and sports groups have not made decisions on summer camps at this point and are waiting to see how things shake out before deciding whether they can produce a viable program during the summer.

However, if your plan was to enroll a child in a summer sports camp, it may be wise to look for alternatives just case those programs don't take place this year.

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