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### **Save Pond Hockey Event in Stonewall, Manitoba, Postponed Due to COVID-19**

OTTAWA, Ontario, January 13, 2022 - The Climate and Sport Initiative and the host organizing committee in Stonewall, Manitoba, have made the difficult decision to postpone the Save Pond Hockey event scheduled for February 18-20, 2022. The decision comes after the significant spike in COVID-19 cases and is in alignment with provincial health and safety protocols.

The event was set to feature a 3-on-3 hockey tournament, local business sustainability marketplace, skills labs, and an all-star hockey game featuring Canadian Olympians Hayley Wickenheiser and Sami Jo Small, as well as former NHL players Reggie and Jamie Leach, among other guests.

“We’re extremely disappointed that the pandemic has led to the postponement of this exciting community event,” said Mike Gerbis, CEO of GLOBE Series and The Delphi Group and Chair of Leading Change. “We’re looking forward to coming to together safely and celebrating Canada’s favourite game later in the year.”

“The health and safety of our residents, staff, volunteers, and stakeholders is our top priority,” said Peter Bullivant, Chair of the Rockwood-Stonewall Recreation Committee and Councillor with the Town of Stonewall. “Postponing the event is the right thing to do, and we can’t wait to celebrate and showcase the amazing Stonewall and Rockwood community when it is safe to be together again.”

“This is heartbreaking. We were really excited to host such an important event and to have the opportunity to play and watch outdoor hockey with a community that means so much to us,” said Randy Frykas, Chair of the organizing committee. “It has been amazing to see the community rally around this event in the last few months, and we’d like to thank all of the people who helped spread the word, made the pond hockey nets, or registered a team.”

For more updates on the postponement, please visit [climateandsport.ca](http://climateandsport.ca) and follow us on social media.

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#### **About the Climate and Sport Initiative**

The Climate and Sport Initiative uses sport as a platform to educate, engage and empower Canadians to protect our planet for future generations. The multi-year initiative will include a series of live and virtual public events and experiences, interactive challenges, and prizes. It is led by GLOBE Series, The Delphi Group, and Leading Change Canada, funded in part by the Government of Canada, in partnership with the Clean Foundation, and championed by Hayley Wickenheiser.

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