

August 3, 2020

Dear Let Me Run Friend,

We hope this finds you well in what continues to be an unprecedented time filled with uncertainty about the future in our communities. We write today to share that, after much discussion, Let Me Run has made the difficult decision to not hold our program this fall. This is just a temporary pause in our programming and we are already filled with eager anticipation about an exciting spring 2021 season.

For the past few months, Let Me Run has been working to determine our best plan for fall 2020. As schools in most of our regions across the country announced their plans, it became quickly apparent that our ability to operate as an after-school program, hosted primarily on school campuses, was not going to be possible. As part of our comprehensive evaluation of alternate possibilities, we considered an online option. However, after surveying parents, we received clear feedback that an online offering was not what they or their sons would be interested in. We also strongly considered hosting the program at public sites in our communities, but the continued uncertainty about schools and the concern over risking increased exposure, even as an outside program, was not the best direction for us.

Each season we teach boys the Let Me Run Credo which ends with "Let Me Run Boys responsibly choose right, not easy." As an organization we aim to live into our values and credo, valuing the health and safety of our boys, coaches, and the communities in which we operate. While our decision to step away from live programming for a season is not an easy one, we feel it is the responsible and right thing to do.

We may not be hosting our traditional programming this fall, but Let Me Run is not going away! We will continue to be here for parents and their boys through our social media channels. We hope you will follow us for activities, ideas to stay active, and ways to help foster connection during a fall where it seems "normal" life will continue to be at a distance.

On behalf of all the staff across the country and the Board of Directors at Let Me Run, we thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you when we come running back in spring 2021!

Best Wishes,

**Emily Battle** 

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