



Vice-President's 2020 Season

Hello all,

In the spirit of these uncertain times, I would like everyone to see the importance of this unprecedented act of sportsmanship. This reflects the true nature & spirit of the Creator's Game. We can all strive to achieve similar acts of sportsmanship & respect for all our members, as we move forward. This is my message to the RMLL this season.

(CNN)- In a remarkable show of sportsmanship, Ireland's lacrosse team is withdrawing from an international tournament to allow a Native American team to play instead.

The team withdrew from [The World Games 2022](#) and the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team will take its place, [World Lacrosse announced](#) last week.

"It's simply the right thing to do," Michael Kennedy, chief executive officer of Ireland Lacrosse, [said in a statement](#).

"We are a proud member of World Lacrosse and we recognize the importance of The World Games to the continued growth of our sport. As much as our players would have been honored to compete, we know the right thing is for the Iroquois Nationals to represent our sport on this international stage."

"You have gone above and beyond not only for us, but for what you believe is right," [the Iroquois Nationals tweeted to Ireland Lacrosse](#). "Your actions have spoken louder than words showing everyone the true power of sport, and the spirit of lacrosse. We will never forget that."

Lacrosse was created by Native Americans in North America as early as the 12th century, [according to the Iroquois Nationals](#).

The Nationals represent the Iroquois Confederacy -- [also known as the Haudenosaunee](#) -- a confederacy of six Native American tribes that dates back hundreds of years. The confederacy is comprised of the Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora tribes.

The team is the only Native American team that has been authorized to play a sport internationally, and has been competing in international lacrosse since 1990, [according to the team's website](#).

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