

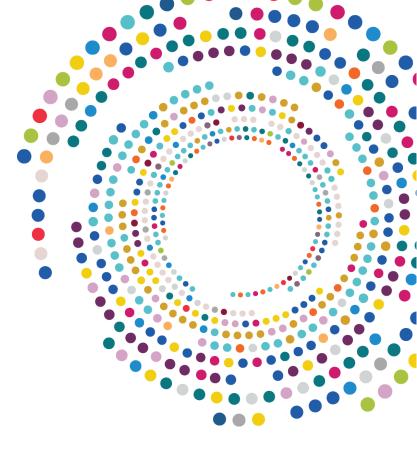


## The Pandemic's Impact on American Sports

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### The Stoppage of the Sports World

- COVID-19 and the unprecedented suspension of play of the NBA, MLB, NHL, MLS & NCAA
- Significance of suspended seasons/tournaments?





### NHL statement on coronavirus League pauses season, hopes to resume play 'as soon as it is appropriate' NHLCOM @NHLdotcom

NCAA cancels March Madness basketball tournaments due to

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coronavirus



#### The Response

- Player safety
  - COVID-19 testing protocols
  - Altered game schedules
  - Introduction of "The Bubble"
- Empty/reduced attendance and stadium presence
- The ever neglected "force majeure" provision







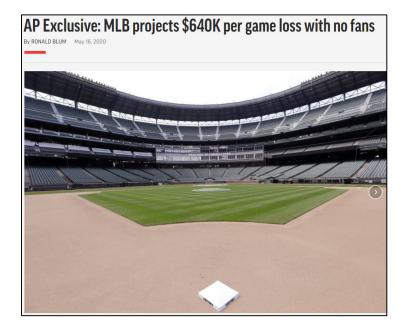


#### Financial Implication\$

- Lasting financial implications
  - Broadcast/media rights
  - Ticket sales / sponsorships / concessions / merchandise
  - Affect on local economies
  - Player opportunities

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Report: NBA fell \$1.5 billion short of revenue projection





#### **Return of Fans**

- Reduced attendance
- Safety protocols / social distancing
- Current Pac-12 stance







#### **Impact on College Sports**

- Conference considerations
- Individual school responses
- Impact of state restrictions
- Recruiting and talent showcase opportunities











### Does the Sports Industry Recover?

- The future of broadcast rights
- The stadium/arena model
- Revised schedules
- Team valuations







## What's Keeping You Up at Night in the COVID-19 Era?

# Predictions for the Future of the Sports World?

#### Pac-12 Video



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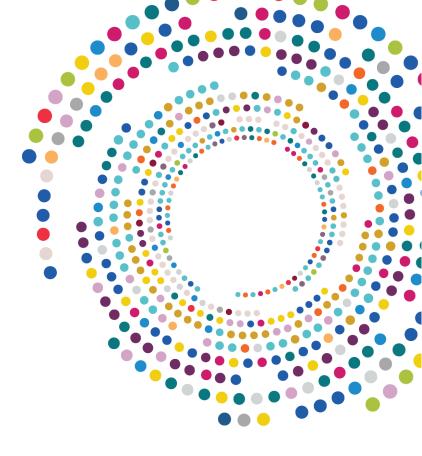




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