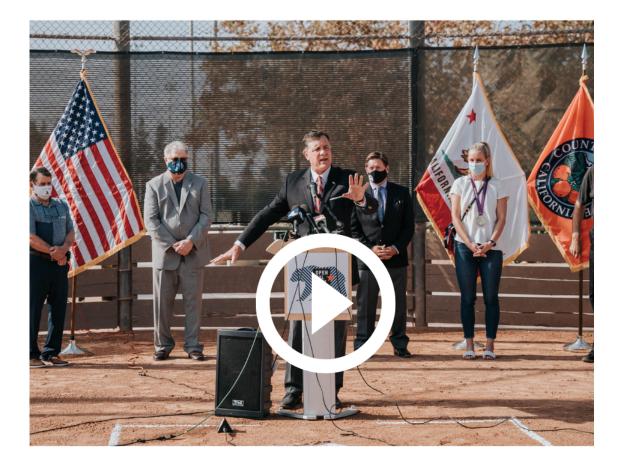
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Supervisor Wagner leads the Open Youth

Ulympians

Today, Supervisor Donald P. Wagner called upon the state to fully reopen youth sports. California is one of the last states to allow youth to compete and play sports games in the United States. Families must travel out of state to give their kids a shot at playing or scholarship opportunities. Keeping youth out of sports widens the opportunity gap for our disadvantaged communities. Recent data and science show our student-athletes are not vulnerable to the virus, and they can take steps to keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe.

Safety protocols were discussed for various sports industries, including staggered schedules, mask-wearing, physical distancing, temperature checks, hand sanitizer, waivers, and educating families to clear fields

Supervisor Wagner kicked off the press conference and introduced speakers:

 Mayor of Mission Viejo and Olympic Gold Medalist Brian Goodell,1976 Montreal, Quebec, Gold medals in the 400-Meter and 1,500-Meter freestyle events

Olympic Swimming Gold Medalist Jessica Hardy Meichtry, London 2012
President of Coast Soccer League Bernie Towers

· Vice President, Tournament Division, Baseball Factory Justin Roswell

President Blue Buoy Swim School Member Orange County Drowning

Prevention Task Force Johnny Johnson

President of Cal South Bob Turner

Mayor of Tustin Allan Bernstein

· Colby Douglas, Crean Lutheran student-athlete

A copy of Dr. Kenton Fibel's research compilation, titled "<u>Keeping our Kids</u> <u>Active: The Value of Youth Sports</u>", was also distributed. Dr. Fibel is the Sports Medicine Physician for the Anaheim Ducks.

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