QUESTION 1
Before COVID-19, what was the biggest issue facing youth sport?

The biggest issue facing youth sport before COVID-19 was the high pressure and overly aggressive coaches. The necessity of protecting youth was often overlooked in favor of winning. This created an environment where children were encouraged to compete rather than participate.

Now, with the pandemic, the focus has shifted to health and safety. The sport community is being asked to consider new virtual interactions. The environment must be safe and healthy for all involved.

Virtual interactions are critical. The sport community must navigate these challenges. With more access to community recreational spaces and an inability to conduct practice and competition between spaces, the sport community must adjust to the new reality of youth sport.