



Dear Lake Mary Little League Families,

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

I am writing to provide an update regarding the LMLL Spring 2020 season. In late April, Little League International announced the cancellation of the Little League World Series and Regional Tournaments at all levels for baseball and softball due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Obviously this was disappointing news; however, LL International also announced they would not be extending their moratorium on league activities past May 11th. The direction from LL International is local leagues could resume activities provided they were in compliance with directives from their respective state and local governments. Based on this direction, the LMLL Board of Directors started evaluating and planning for the possibility of a resumption of the Spring 2020 season in mid-May should the State of Florida and local authorities allow for the reopening of youth sports.

Recently Governor DeSantis announced Phase I of his reopening plan for Florida. Unfortunately, Phase I still includes the restriction on public gatherings to groups no larger than 10 persons. Based on this requirement, the City of Lake Mary and Seminole County announced that both the Lake Mary Sports Complex and the Boombah Sports Complex would remain closed to all youth sports activities thru June 1st. Therefore, based on the closure of these facilities, the earliest LMLL could resume activities would be June 1st; however, there is still no guarantee that the fields would be available beginning on June 1st.

Last week the LMLL Board of Directors met via teleconference to discuss the latest developments and their impact on a possible resumption of league activities. Multiple options were discussed and the consensus amongst the board was a June 1st resumption of the Spring 2020 season is not feasible primarily due to the unknown field availability as well as the difficulty of scheduling multiple games during June, which is the height of the rainy season. Based on this discussion the board voted unanimously to not resume the Spring 2020 season due to the shutdowns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Understandably, this is an extremely disappointing decision and not something we arrived at lightly. Moving forward the board discussed organizing free clinics in the summer for LMLL players, which will include practices, drills and scrimmage games. Obviously these clinics will be dependent on field availability, but this is something the board was very interested in pursuing in order to provide the opportunity for our players to have some fun and play ball.

Also discussed by the board was the impact of the suspension of the Spring 2020 season on the league's finances. We are actively pursuing credits and/or refunds for field rentals as well as identifying expenses that under normal circumstances would have been expended had the season continued. It is the intent of the board to develop a plan to provide discounted registration fees for a future season in order to offset the loss of the remainder of the Spring 2020 season. Please understand that the majority of the league's expenses (Uniforms, Insurance, Opening Day, etc) are realized before the first games are played; however, the board will be diligently pursuing all possible cost savings in order to provide future relief for our families. There will be additional communication regarding registration for the Fall 2020 season, the summer clinics, as well as future discounts for registration once more information becomes available.

Please understand that we as a board are extremely disappointed in having to cancel the remainder of the Spring 2020 season. We take seriously the responsibilities entrusted with us as stewards of Lake Mary Little League and we are making every effort to ensure we provide a safe, fun and family oriented experience for all of our players. We ask for your understanding during these difficult times and we hope to see each of you back with LMLL for future seasons. Thank you for being a part of Lake Mary Little League and we hope you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards,

Ben Bartlett
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