



Dear Parents & Players Of PTAA,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received many questions from many of you about if and how COVID-19 will change this year's athletic season. We know this outbreak has been stressful to many and recognize that exercising and participating in activities like sports can be a healthy way to cope with stress and connect with our community.

As announced last week after careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that PTAA plans to resume its baseball and softball programs while following CDC considerations to protect players, families, and our community. Many of you have reached out to the board wondering exactly what this means, how can we play baseball or softball while following these guidelines.

The latest version of guidelines can be found [here](#). The main guidelines the coaches will enforce, making sure the players are distancing and limiting touching. Masks will not be required if the distancing rule is followed. Hand sanitizing before and after each game/practice required. Equipment will not be shared and any equipment that is used/shared will be wiped down after each use including the balls. These basic measures will not change the game for your son or daughter but will ensure their safety. It is important that everyone does their part and enforces these guidelines. Everyone has a part to play in all of this.

We have received many inquiries about the season starting this weekend now that GREEN phase has moved to the 5th and not the 12th. PTAA is not ready to go green this weekend. Still lots to do to ensure we are ready. We still need to draft teams, train coaches, get the park ready, and procure COVID related supplies. COVID supplies that are difficult to procure. It's important that we don't rush the season and we open the park when we are ready. The latest planning schedule can be found [here](#). Drafting of Softball is happening all this week, and the Baseball draft is happening this Thursday night. Tuesday & Wednesday next week will be the Work Parties, and starting Thursday park will open for Inhouse practices. We are planning a modified 9 week season that is tentatively planned to end on August 8th. Plan is to try to get all teams 3 or 4 practices and up to 10 games or more played before the modified season ends. .

We are also seeking donations. Donations we are looking for can be cash but most importantly, we need COVID related supplies. We need Clorox bleach to spray high contact areas, disinfecting wipes, and sanitizer. Our plan is to make sure that every field and every dugout has a spray bottle and wipes, and each team has a bottle of sanitizer before practices start next week. COVID related signage posted around the park. All of these items not planned for are costing the organization money. Any help you can provide with these desperately needed supplies please reply to this email. PTAA appreciates any support you can provide.

Coaches will be in touch to make introductions and about the season start early next week.

I look forward to a great season and to seeing everyone at the fields finally. Now, let's play ball!

Thank you and stay healthy,

Chris Mains
PTAA Board President