



May 18, 2020

Hello South Portage Little League Families-

After significant consideration and deliberation, the Board of Directors of SPLL has made the painful decision to cancel our regular season for 2020. There are many reasons we can point to that brought us to this decision – but the most important reason is the concern for the safety of our players, their families, our volunteers, and the overall community of Portage.

The SPLL Board will continue to meet at regular intervals to determine if there is any possible way to play ball at SPLL this year. All options are on the table – skills clinics, fall leagues, sandlot games, etc. If there ever is a time that we can offer some sort of softball and baseball experience in a manner that is safe for everyone – we will communicate with you via email and through our Facebook page.

Even though SPLL will not be holding a regular season, please note that we have many expenses that will continue for us to keep our facilities operational. These include mowing 40+ acres (~\$25,000), property/liability insurance costs (~\$10,000), and overall electricity and utility costs. We hope to offset these expenses with clinics and additional softball and baseball offerings to our community. However, we must admit that the choice to cancel the season could be financially devastating to our non-profit organization. We are asking you to please help by donating a portion of your registration fees back to SPLL.

At this point, there are now some decisions that you must make. We have the following options available to you as we cancel your registration for the 2020 season:

- **Option 1** – Donate all or part of your Registration Fees to SPLL
 - o For every \$30 donated to SPLL, you will receive a limited-edition, commemorative SPLL t-shirt (dri-fit, jersey-like material). SPLL is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and your donation may be tax deductible.

- **Option 2** – Defer your Registration Fees to your 2021 registration costs
 - o Essentially, we hold onto your money until the 2021 season. We will apply the amount of your registration to your 2021 balance – you will pay any additional amount due in 2021.

- **Option 3** – Refund of Registration fees (minus administrative and non-refundable fees)
 - o SPLL will issue a check to the designated person in the next 4-6 weeks and mail to your mailing address. Administrative and non-refundable fees will be withheld from refund amount (typically \$5-10 per order).

To help coordinate all the decisions of our 400+ families – and to make things as easy as possible for our all-volunteer Board, we ask that you please go to the following Google Form and indicate your choice:

<https://forms.gle/DSFjXQtAuiMWh1sW8>

Only refunds requested through this Google Form will be considered. This is in an attempt to ensure that no request gets lost or is not seen if done via Email, Facebook, or text message. For refund requests to be honored, all requests need to be made **on or before May 31,2020**.

Please remember that South Portage Little League is completely volunteer-run, and this will take some time to process. Expect refunds sometime in June, we will announce via email and Facebook.

The Board understands that these times have been very tough on families all around our area. We really spent a lot of time trying to decide what was the best course for our league and we are very sad that we won't be able to see our South Portage families up at the fields any time soon. We hope you stay safe and healthy.

~SPLL Board of Directors