



June 15, 2020

After months of uncertainty, research and informed discussion, the GLL Board of Directors has voted to cancel the Spring/Summer season for 2020. As you know, we have spent a lot of time considering our options, reviewing state and local health guidelines, and communicating with all of you, our GLL families. It is with a tremendous amount of sadness and humility that we present this decision to you. Ultimately, here are some of the primary reasons we have decided to cancel the season:

- Safety is, and always will be, our top concern. As such, we must implement some very strict guidelines to be able to play ball this summer. Much of your feedback indicated that the guidelines recommended to us by Little League, the CDC, and NY State were too restrictive and would not provide for a fun and enjoyable experience.
- Nearly one-third of the families surveyed stated that they would not follow the proposed health and safety guidelines.
- As a volunteer-based organization, it was going to be nearly impossible for us to manage and regulate all of the guidelines being imposed.
- As of today, 11 of the other 15 towns in our district have cancelled their respective seasons, making it impossible for our inter-town divisions to play (Intermediates, Juniors, Seniors and all Softball).
- We have had a significant number of families ask for a refund or credit this season, reducing our number of registered players to be less than adequate. Again, this would not contribute to an enjoyable experience.

This list is not all-inclusive. In fact, we sadly have a very long and ever-growing list of reasons to cancel the season. The one reason to play, your families and children, has kept us going. We held out as long as we could, hoping to be able to provide an outlet this summer, but the safety risks and logistical concerns are simply too daunting. It

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truly is unfortunate that we find ourselves in this situation but we feel it is the best decision for all parties involved as we approach summer.

We are not going anywhere, however! We are hopeful to be able to offer some other opportunities to you later this summer and in the fall. Stay tuned for communications about possible options such as sandlot games, training sessions and a full fall season of baseball and softball. We are hopeful that once we move through the summer toward the end of July, we will have a better handle on what we can offer and how we can do so in the most enjoyable way for you and your children.

If we have not already heard from you, [please click this link](#) to let us know if you would like a refund for this season, a credit toward fall ball, or a credit toward the 2021 season. If you are currently registered for fall ball, that will not change unless we hear otherwise from you. We will wait to see what we can do this fall and make a decision toward the end of summer regarding the fall season.

Unfortunately, many of the expenses that come along with owning and maintaining our facility (i.e., mortgage, utilities, etc.) are not going away. If you are able to do so, any amount of financial donation you are willing to consider to our non-profit organization is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact us. Additionally, we are looking for new GLL Board members. Please reach out if you would like to play a role in the future of GLL!

Be well and we look forward to seeing your family sometime in the future...

Sincerely,

GLL Board of Directors