

Hello North Plainfield Families,

The Recreation Department wants to update you on our plans to play Baseball, Softball, Coach Pitch and T-Ball this summer. You may have heard that our governor is allowing recreation baseball and softball programs to resume with restrictions. While we obviously will not be having our season in its entirety, we want to offer an opportunity for kids to play safely. We know that not every family will feel that it is safe for their children to participate and we trust that you will make the decision that is right for your family. Here's our information to help you to make your decision.

We would like to start "pick up" games the week starting Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> for the following leagues:

T ball (Kindergarten) - Saturday mornings (10am)

Coach Pitch (First and Second Grades)- Thursday evenings (5:45pm) and Saturday mornings (10am)

Junior Girls Softball (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) – Tuesday and Thursday evenings (5:45pm) Make up Saturday afternoon 1pm

Senior Girls Softball (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) - Sunday afternoons (1pm)

Junior Boys Baseball (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) - Monday and Wednesday evenings

We will not have a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys league as we had very few registrations for this age group.

Please Note: **ALL ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT STONY BROOK FIELD**

**IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AND GAME CANCELLATION, PLEASE CALL OUR RECREATION HOTLINE AT 908-756-0247, OR PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT NP-RECREATION.COM. WE WILL POST GAME CANCELLATIONS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.**

**Structure of games/teams:**

All children who already registered for Baseball, Softball, T ball and Coach Pitch will be permitted to play. Other children who did not register but would like to play, can also play. **Parents must fill out and sign** a registration form prior to playing and may do so at the field prior to the first game they play or at the recreation office. **PLAYERS MAY NOT REGISTER THEMSELVES**. Registration will remain open throughout the season to accommodate any North Plainfield child who meets grade level requirements and want to play.

We will not have set teams, rather, on each game day teams will be picked for that day with the players who show up at the field. Recreation coaches will chose the teams. There will be no practice sessions except for warm ups on the field the day of the game. If we don't have enough players to make two teams, we will have a player practice/clinic . Players will not receive uniforms but should dress appropriately to play ball (NO SHORTS). We will not be providing certified umpires for the games, coaches will be used to umpire.

### **Safety Measures:**

Players will be required to bring their own mitts and bats (if they have their own). Mitts and bats will not be shared amongst players. Recreation will supply bats as well which will be disinfected after each usage. Players should bring their own water bottles to the field to stay hydrated.

Every player and coach's temperature will be taken prior to the start of each game. Players/coach's with a temperature higher than 100.1 will not be permitted to play and will be asked to leave the complex. Players will need to wear facemasks while sitting on the bench and batting, but will not be required to wear them when playing the field. (the assumption is they will be at least 6 feet apart and coaches will insure and enforce social distancing)

### **Recreation will provide hand sanitizer and equipment sanitizers. Families will need to provide their own masks for players.**

Players will socially distance on the bench and behind the bench. Spectators will socially distance (6 feet apart) in the stands unless part of the same family. Spectators may be required to wear masks in the stands. **We will need parents to assist to help keep players socially distant in the bench area and to help wipe down equipment. Please let the recreation department know if you are willing to help out with these tasks. Parents will need to wear a mask and gloves when helping with this. The Recreation department can provide gloves. A fun and safe time can be had by all, but we will surely need everyone's help to make this happen! Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation! As always, please call us at (908) 756-0247 if you have any questions rather than turning to social media for your answers. We can guarantee that WE will give you accurate answers, although social media is helpful...it is not always accurate. Thanks so much.**

We are attempting to make the best out of a situation that has turned our society upside down. Please be patient and work with us.

**Safety guidelines are subject to change based on state government input and input by our insurance company as well as by suggestions from coaches and the recreation directors.**

We will send out another notification prior to the official first game day.

North Plainfield Recreation Directors.