



May 14, 2020

Dear ACB Families & Community,

Per Governor DeWine's news conference today, limited-contact sports- which includes baseball & softball- were given the okay to start their seasons beginning May 26<sup>th</sup>. Our board has been communicating these past few weeks in preparation of whatever announcement would be made, and we will be finalizing everything with regards to the 2020 season this Sunday evening.

But between now and Sunday I did want to cover a couple things:

- **PLAYER SAFETY**

- First and most importantly, *the safety of our kids is and will always be our primary concern*. In addition to following the recommended practices set by Little League Baseball & all guidelines set by the federal, state, county, & Health Department, we will be implementing additional measures to make sure our venues and games are played in an environment that's safe for the players and still an enjoyable and productive season. More details will follow.

- **PLAYERS ALREADY REGISTERED**

- Any families that are already signed up for the season but not comfortable playing will be issued a full refund of their child's registration fees.
- All families will be contacted by their child's coach in the next day or two to determine their availability for the season

- **RE-OPENING REGISTRATION**

- We are opening registration (dates will follow) for any boys & girls that had their seasons cancelled already in other sports or leagues. We believe it is our duty to the community to provide an opportunity for those kids to continue competing, learning, and forming friendships- lessons that are shaped regardless of the sport being played.

- **NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES**

- For the 2020 season only, we will also be opening registration to players from other communities that already cancelled their 2020 season.

More details will follow over the next couple days. Thank you for your continued support & patience as we navigate these difficult and different times. We're all in unfamiliar territory, and while this year may look a little different than others before or after it, I'm confident that we'll work through this together and make this season a safe & positive experience for all parties involved.

Stay safe, wash your hands, and see you on the diamond soon!

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