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GBL RETURN TO PLAY UPDATE 2

Parents,

We hope your family is doing well. This past Thursday would have been our Championship night at the Ballpark! Instead we are working with city and county officials to work on a re-opening of our lives, and baseball and softball is an important part of that process.

You will be receiving a survey/questionnaire in the very near future. We need everyone to take the time to complete this. This is our most important step moving forward to get back on the fields. We need to know who is playing and who is unable to play this summer. In addition, for those that unfortunately can't play when we resume, this will allow you to choose the option you want for your refund.

We historically have kept fees low to encourage as many families as possible to participate in GBL activities. That has created a record number of boys and girls participating in our baseball and softball programs. Our low fees create an environment where we rely on concession sales to help offset the costs of running a league, and we will not be able to raise any money from concession sales this year. In addition, we had already bought and distributed uniforms and equipment to the majority of teams in preparation for our upcoming season. We have been cleared by the City of Germantown and Shelby County to resume our 2020 season, but if you choose to not participate in our revised 2020 season, please find below alternatives for your paid registration fees:

1. If you desire, you can choose to make your paid registration fees a tax deductible contribution to GBL, a licensed 501(c)(3) organization. We would obviously greatly appreciate this option and would send a tax receipt confirming your donation.
2. You can roll 100% of your paid registration fee towards next year's fee. With so many people missing Spring sports, we would anticipate registration for next year being tremendously oversubscribed. By doing this, you guarantee a spot (no wait list) for your child and you also will not incur what will most certainly be a 25-30% price increase next year on registration dues. We will have to raise fees next year to cover the losses from this year. To reiterate, this option ensures you have a spot for next year and ensures you are already paid in full for next year.

3. If neither of the above two options are amenable to you, we can offer you up to a 75% cash refund, depending on the number of families that choose to continue to participate in our 2020 season, and the number of those who aren't playing who select Options 1 or 2 above. We already know that we will operate at a loss for this season, but we can only incur so much of a loss. If the participation rate is too low, or if only a small number of our families who elect not to participate select Option 1 or Option 2, we will have to reduce the amount we can refund in cash, because much of our operating budget was already spent on equipment and uniforms for this season.

With these three options, we can hopefully put this awful Spring behind us and look forward to better days.

We are planning on starting team practices as early as this Saturday, or early next week. We are hoping to start the game schedule somewhere around June 12th. We are working hard everyday to get back on the fields as soon as possible and do it with the safety of everyone involved the top priority.

Stay safe,

The GBL Executive Board of Directors