

CBSL Players and Parents,

Thank you for your patience as we work to develop a plan for everyone to get back on the ball diamond. Before framing any plan, it was first important to obtain guidance from the state of Ohio relative to when youth sports, and specifically baseball and softball, would be able to return to the field.

Last week Governor DeWine provided this information.

Timing – although the Governor has opened up these activities starting on May 26th, the CBSL will not entertain any start prior to June 1. More information on this will be provided below.

Guidance – The complete guidance from the state can be found here - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Baseball-Softball.pdf>

The CBSL will be adhering to all of the required guidance if we are to have a 2020 season. We wanted to point out a couple of requirements for our coaches, players, and spectators:

- 6-foot physical distancing will be in effect.
- No team water coolers will be permitted.
- Players must not share equipment. Belongings should only be used by the individual owner including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, helmets, hats, and other on- and off-field gear.  
Any gear the CBSL provides will need to be for an individual player, not the team.
- Coaches must wear face covering at all times.
- Players must wear face coverings at all times when not in the field of play. This means that after your team ends a defensive inning, without a face covering, the player must wear a mask when they are waiting their turn to bat.
- No touch rule will be in effect – no high fives, handshakes, or any other contact with another person will be permitted.
- No gum or sunflower seeds will be permitted.
- Each family will be required to sign a new waiver.

If we are able to adhere to these guidelines, the CBSL would propose the following:

- Targeted start date for practice – June 1
- Targeted start date for first game – June 8
- Targeted end of season – July 26 (no play on July 4th weekend)

As we develop a plan to commence play for the 2020 season, it is important we confirm our coaches and players so that we can begin the team formation process and ensure we have coaches to manage those teams.

Coaches – If you have previously volunteered to be a head coach or an assistant coach, we would ask that you reply to this email by Sunday, May 24th to either confirm that you are still

able to coach or to let us know you are unable to coach. Please clarify once again which league you would like to coach as well as what capacity – head coach or asst. coach.

Players - Please confirm if you are planning on playing. We need this information prior to putting our teams together. We are asking each family to respond back to this email only if you are NOT planning on playing this year. If we do not receive an email from you, we will assume that you are good to go.

We are asking for your response by end of day on Sunday May 24th. If you respond by the May 24<sup>th</sup> date with your decision not to play, you will receive a full refund of the fees that you have paid (less registration processing and credit card fees). If you request a refund after May 24th, you will receive a 50% refund.

The CBSL is in the process of creating a “Return to Baseball/Softball” committee so we can restart the program in the safest manner possible. We are all excited to get back on the field and add some sense of normalcy to our daily lives, but this must be done as safely as possible.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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