

Northwest Ada Little League

April 29, 2020

NWALL Families,

It is with great disappointment that our NWALL Board has determined that there will be no spring 2020 baseball and softball season. Over the course of the last few weeks, we have done a significant evaluation of NWALL and worked through many options on how to handle the spring 2020 season in light of COVID-19. As you might also be aware, we have also been working with many levels of the Little League organization to understand the long-term local implications of not having a 2020 spring season.

NWALL is a 100% volunteer and non-profit organization. As it currently stands, we have committed and paid out funds for the 2020 spring season, namely:

- Equipment and supplies have been purchased
- Fields were prepped for the spring season
- Assessments were completed, and almost all of the coaches had gone through clinics and training
- Our insurance and Little League charter were paid for and finalized

This was all paid for with spring dues. The Board suspended all spending in early March to help mitigate any further financial strain on the league.

In light of all that has happened and where our league stands, we have prepared a plan to move forward for all of our NWALL families.

Please read through and choose from one of the two below options regarding your spring registration:

Option 1: Registration dues can be considered a much-appreciated donation to Northwest Ada Little League. **Thank you.** We hope most of you take this option. These funds will go toward the betterment of the league and help ensure our future. You are not required to take any action if you chose this option. If you take this option, you can claim the amount as a charitable donation on your 2020 tax return.

Option 2: Until end-of-day **May 15th**, you may request a refund of 50% of your registration fees. As explained above, we are not in a position to refund the entirety of the registration dues because dollars had already been committed to preparing for the spring season. The refund procedure requires a volunteer to manually compute and process the refunds, so we do appreciate your patience. We hope to issue all refunds before the end of May, and they will show up as a credit on the credit card that was used to pay for the registration.

To request your refund on or before May 15th, follow these steps:

1. Email us at information@nwall.org and write "Spring Refund" in the subject line.
2. In the email body, please indicate the registration account holder's name.
3. Also in the body, please list the first and last names of each player on your account for which you would like a refund.
4. Monitor your email for a confirmation email that will be sent when the refund is processed. We hope to have all refunds processed before the end of May.

Again, your refund request must be received on or before May 15th. After that, it will be considered a donation.

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For all NWALL Players

In conjunction with the options above, we want to encourage you to continue to play baseball or softball with NWALL in the future. In light of the investment you made this season, we are offering the below options to every spring 2020 registered player for future NWALL baseball and softball.

Spring 2021 Discount

All registered 2020 Spring Season players will receive a discount for the 2021 spring season for the following amounts:

- Tball - 25% discount
- Rookies - 25% discount
- Draftable divisions - 25% discount

Fall Baseball 2020 Discount

Any spring 2020 player will receive a 2020 fall baseball discount of 50%. This is feasible for us because we have already invested so heavily in spring ball with the purchase of supplies, field maintenance, and repairs. You will receive a code and instructions before registration opens for fall baseball. Our goal is to have a robust fall ball program to make up for this spring.

** Softball has traditionally not been part of our fall ball offerings; however, we are researching options to see if this is feasible, and if so, will offer the same fall ball discount to returning softball players.

This situation has been incredibly difficult at the local and national level, but we want to take a moment to **thank all of our volunteers**. All of the hard work to have a successful season had already been done when we suspended the program, as these preparations start 5-6 months in advance of opening day. A small group of people worked tirelessly to:

- Coordinate registration and marketing activities
- Plan and execute assessments
- Draft teams
- Coordinate uniforms
- Facilitate and attend coaching training
- Organize and distribute equipment
- Prep fields
- Etc.

We were in a really great position to have an awesome season. **Thank you to all of our volunteers.**

We also want to thank our sponsors. These sponsors willingly donate to NWALL and work with us year after year to ensure that all kids have the opportunity to learn the game of baseball. Sponsorships help us invest in our equipment and fields, they help provide scholarships to any child that wants to play, and

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their contributions help grow the love of baseball in our local area. Please watch for more from us on how to continue to support our sponsors in the future.

In closing, we want to thank all of you for sticking with us. Through all of this we have appreciated the positive feedback and willingness to be patient as we worked through the logistics of this difficult situation. **Our board is 100% volunteer, and we greatly appreciate your support in this unprecedented time.**

Stay safe and healthy. We very much look forward to everyone being back on the ball field as soon as possible. We are NWALL!

Respectfully,

Your NWALL Board of Directors

