

BPLL Families,

In these uncertain times, BPLL is excited to offer its Spring Baseball/Softball program and we see this as an opportunity to appropriately get our ball players back on the fields and provide community and some normalcy to our BPLL families. However, there are many practical challenges to address with organized youth sports today as well as many unknowns. Please see below for what to expect and planned changes for our league.

### **What to expect for BPLL Spring Ball 2021:**

At this time, BPLL Spring Season is **expected to begin the week of FEBRUARY 6 2021 and end on May 21, 2021**. However, this **schedule is subject to change** pending developments with the COVID-19 situation in Texas and Harris County and is contingent on state and local leadership decisions on youth sports, schools and school sports.

### **Different from previous Spring Seasons:**

- All families will sign a COVID-19 waiver that is included in the registration process
- Athletes, coaches and spectators should bring their own hand sanitizer and apply before entering the ballpark and regularly while at the facilities. In addition, team managers will have additional hand sanitizer available.
- There will be limited use of the dugouts during games or practices; players and equipment will be spaced out. This will be done by positioning players outside the fence line down the 1<sup>st</sup> base and 3<sup>rd</sup> base paths.
- Athletes are allowed to wear masks or face coverings that cover the mouth and nose during games or practices. This is mandatory while in the dugout or if unable to socially distance, however, is optional while in the field of play.
- Players shall provide, use, and maintain their own equipment (bat/glove/batting helmets)
- If catchers gear is shared it must be cleaned/sanitized in between each use
- Coaches will be required to wear a mask or face covering at all times.
- Individual COVID-19 exposure issues will be managed by a group made up of the team manager, the affected parents, and the BPLL COVID Point of Contact. BPLL will follow CDC guidelines.

### **Facilities Changes:**

- Water fountains will not be used; players should bring their own water and not share with others.
- Only County park public restroom will be available during game activities and practices.

### **Spectator Responsibilities:**

- Spectators are expected to social distance and wear a mask or face covering at all times.

### **Contingency Planning:**

- BPLL will follow local and state regulations for youth sports and will monitor local and state decisions for schools and school sports. If BPLL determines that the spring season must be cancelled, refunds will be offered according to the Refund Schedule below.

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**BPLL Spring 2021 COVID-19 Refund Policy and Schedule. This policy only applies in the event BPLL cancels the Spring 2021 season due to COVID-19.**

- 100% Refund - Season is canceled prior to player evaluations
- 60 % Refund - Season is canceled after player evaluations, but prior to the first game
- 30 % Refund - Season is canceled before four games are played
  
- Only county park restrooms will be available during practices and games.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we navigate these uncertain times together. Let's play ball!