

SouthWest Coaches Summer League (SWCL)

May 8, 2020

TO: ALL SWCL FAMILIES

FROM: BRIAN MICHEK, SWCL COMMISSIONER, ON BEHALF OF THE SWCL BOARD

RE: 2020 BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SEASON / COVID-19 UPDATE

On behalf of the SWCL Board of Directors, We hope this message finds you safe and well. These are difficult times for all.

During the past few months, the SWCL Board has been working hard and thinking harder to work out a plausible plan for the 2020 season amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. We are very concerned for the safety of our players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, families, and fans. We have been and will continue to monitor all governmental directives as well as any efforts by other sports organizations. Our goal is to do the best for our players and families. We have contemplated several options for the season, including but not limited to: no changes, delaying the season until July, and last but not least cancellation of the entire 2020 season.

As of May 7, 2020, the Board has decided that we are not able to start the season as normal.

THE 2020 SWCL SEASON START HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL JULY.
THE PLAN FOR NOW, IS TO START PLAYING GAMES BEGINNING JULY 6 AND PLAYING GAMES THROUGHOUT JULY. (roughly 7-8 games per team). SCHEDULES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY JUNE 13. TOURNAMENTS WILL ALSO BE DELAYED UNTIL THE 1ST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST.

The new tournament dates for 2020:

3/4 Baseball, 7/8 Baseball, and 7/8 Softball - August 3-8

3/4 Softball, 5/6 Baseball, and 5/6 Softball - August 10-15

SWCL IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AND NOT AN OBLIGATION. NO PLAYER, FAMILY MEMBER, OR COMMUNITY SHALL BE JUDGED IF THEY DECIDE NOT TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR. IT IS YOUR CHOICE.

Teams are allowed to begin practices as allowed by their community, following safety standards and social distance practices. Try to reduce the sharing of equipment and sanitize equipment as much as possible. Provide hand sanitizer.

We will continue to monitor the requirements for safe social distancing in the future, including crowd control, concession stand availability, and field/game requirements. Stay tuned for future updates to the website. Our next Board meeting will be in early June. Please be patient, and we will update everyone via the website as soon as any changes occur.

If this information alters any community's number of teams or participation, please feel free to contact Butch Layton (SWCL Baseball VP and Scheduler) at dlayton99.dl@gmail.com or 608-604-1429. You may reach me via email at michekb@hotmail.com.

Stay safe and well,

Brian Michek, SWCL Commissioner

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