

Madera National Little League Parents:

The Madera National Little League Board of Directors hopes everyone is staying safe and healthy as we endure this pandemic. I know each & every one of you have been waiting patiently to find out if and when our 2020 Little League baseball and softball seasons can resume.

Throughout this pandemic, we have been following the guidelines set forth by Little League International, which dictated all Leagues "should suspend play until they can do so safely". In addition, we have been in contact with Madera County Public Health Department to determine whether we could resume our season and to what measures it would take to be able to play in a safe manner.

As the pandemic has stretched from weeks into months and remains a threat to health of us all combined with the onset of the summer heat, **the Board of Directors has made the decision to permanently suspend the 2020 season.**

Several parents have inquired about the possibility of any refunds of your 2020 registration fees. The Board of Directors has traditionally kept registration fees relatively low to make participation affordable to as many as possible. Registration fees alone do not cover the operating costs of our season. As you know, we also ask parents to help augment the league finances with several fundraisers along with sponsorships by our local businesses.

At the time of the onset of the pandemic shutdown, we had just started our season. The majority of the league expenses have already been incurred: preparing all the fields for the season, purchasing equipment, team uniforms, and other necessary items along with payment of Little League Baseball charter and district fees and insurance. Our league is responsible for 100% of the expenses of operating the fields we play on at Town & Country Park which continued during this pandemic even without games being played and will continue throughout the off season.

Many of the other leagues in our District are not giving refunds to their league members however, after careful consideration of our current financial situation and a prudent eye on the future, the Board of Directors feel that we could feasibly offer families a partial refund of your registration fees (\$40) or a credit for 2021 registration fees (\$60).

In order to receive your refund or credit, you must fill out the attached request form, choose your option and mail to our league P. O. Box, otherwise proceeds will be considered a donation to the 2020 season.

If the pandemic eases and we can operate in safe and healthy manner, we would like to run some type of Fall Ball program. The structure of this Fall Ball program will depend on the number of players signing up and the age distribution. More details to come as we progress thru the Summer months.

These are unprecedented times and every decision we have had to make has been very difficult as we are sure that the past few months have been very trying for all of you. We hope you understand that the decisions the Board has had to make throughout this pandemic have been done with much consideration. Above all else, the health and well-being of our players is of utmost importance. We are committed to emerging from this pandemic and making the 2021 the best ever for our Little League families.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail us at maderanational@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your continued support of Madera National Little League.

Respectfully,

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