

# Vancouver Community Baseball

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Season Update

Dear VCB Players, Parents, Coaches and Volunteers,

Vancouver Community Baseball's (VCB) Board of Directors would like to inform our baseball community of the current situation facing our 2020 Season, as of today, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We remain hopeful and committed to providing baseball for our youths this season, but the processes we are facing have become complicated. Here are the facts to date:

1. We have received an official communique from the Vancouver Parks Board stating: **“organized competitive play or training will not be permitted at this time.”** We have no idea when this may change.
2. There has been no statement from Baseball Canada at this time.
3. Baseball BC, our Provincial Sports Organization (PSO), has been working with Worksafe BC and Viasport.ca to establish guidelines for a return to play. A 36-page document, **Return to Sport Guidelines** has been produced, with no set dates determined as yet.
4. BC Minor Baseball (our governing body) along with Baseball BC will be required to produce a **Return to Play Guideline** based on the Return to Sport Guidelines, mentioned above. This document will then be submitted for approval by: 1. Worksafe BC, 2. Viasport.ca and 3. Provincial Health Organization.
5. If the **Return to Play Guidelines** are approved, they are then distributed to BC Minor Baseball's 52 associations throughout our province. Each association will then need approval from their various municipalities. Park permits are issued by each municipality based on all safety protocols, guidelines and up to date insurance policies for 2020.

Therefore:

1. The Board of Directors of VCB continues to monitor the situation.
2. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board of Directors will determine if a modified season can be offered.
3. If all health and safety protocols as well as permits and insurance mentioned above **cannot** be met then VCB will, with great reluctance, cancel the 2020 season as we are simply running out of time.
4. If the 2020 Season is cancelled VCB will issue full refunds for registration fees.

We appreciate how keen our community is to “play ball” and remain hopeful that we have the opportunity to provide baseball for our youths this season!

With great appreciation,

Vancouver Community Baseball's Board of Directors