



POND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

May 15th, 2020

Pond Athletic Association 2020 Season Update,

We know that this is a tough time for many families and there are a lot of unknown issues that we are all faced with. It is a great disappointment that PAA hasn't yet been allowed to have games for our Spring/Summer season. We would like nothing more than to hear PLAY BALL, but the safety of our PAA families is most important. Based upon the St Louis County Executive's update announced Friday, May 8th (*see below*), we are announcing the startup of the "Baseball - Softball 2020 Season". Please see below.

STLWEST Baseball & Softball (7U-14U) 2020 Season

- Run from July 1 - September 30 (*This is a target start date and contingent on state and local guidelines.*)
- 12 scheduled games
- Maintain age groups & rules from Spring season
- Allow open roster using only other players registered with STLWEST associations

Training League 2020 Season

Start sometime after July 1st. This includes all 4U, 5U, and 6U baseball and softball teams. We feel a later start date is the best decision for the players in this age group. Playing in the heat of the summer with currently unknown COVID-19 distancing guidelines will detract from the ability of the players to have the positive and rewarding experience we want them to have.

STLWEST Baseball & Softball (7U-14U) & Training League 2020 Season

All players, 4U-14U, currently registered for Spring/Summer STLWEST Baseball & Softball and Training League will automatically be registered for the "2020 Season" if we don't hear from you by midnight May 31st. The "Baseball – Softball 2020 Season" will be the only season played at Pond AA and STLWEST for 2020.

Our refund policy states refunds can be requested and processed prior to the start of the season, minus a \$20 processing/service fee. That fee covers the expense of processing your payment and then issuing a refund plus other PAA preseason expenses that have already been incurred.

PAA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and as such is able to offer the following options for your registration funds. Please respond back with your decision by midnight May 31st.

1. Keep the automatic default to roll registration to the new "2020 Season"
2. Donate the funds to PAA to be used towards the field 4 & 5 light construction loan, park expenses, and financial hardship scholarships for players (*Donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes*)
3. Carry the funds over to cover registration Spring 2021
4. Request a refund of registration fees minus the \$20 processing/service fee
5. Request a partial refund and donate the difference (*Donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes*)

Refund requests will be processed as quickly as possible and may be processed in the form of a check. If you plan to donate or ask for a refund, please email registration@pondathletic.net for next steps.

If you are a coach choosing not to play or if your entire team withdraws, we request that you return the game balls issued to you earlier this year in new condition so that we are able to issue them next year. The box of game balls can be purchased for \$40 and then kept if you like.

Thank you,

PAA Board of Directors

St. Louis County Executive Order:

Due to the very high risk of transmission of COVID-19 related to certain types of congregation common to such facilities, the following businesses and venues are prohibited from operating or re-opening except with respect to the minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of a business's inventory, provide security, process payroll or employee benefits, or to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely: entertainment, conference and sporting venues (regardless of square footage); gyms and fitness centers; banquet rooms; bars and businesses that primarily serve alcohol and do not serve full meals are limited to curbside and pickup service; indoor and outdoor pools except those located at an individual's residence; sporting events; sports courts; and playgrounds.