

Dear Glencoe baseball parents,

During the closures due to COVID-19, our organization, like most youth organizations nationally, has had to have the difficult conversation about how to proceed forward financially after canceling our 2020 baseball season. Our board is made up of about a dozen volunteer parents with disappointed ball players just like you have at home. As community members and fellow fans of baseball, we are asking for your help.

Glencoe Youth Baseball is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. The organization's budget to run each baseball season comes from several sources: registration fees, concession stand income, hosting tournaments, donations, and our raffle ticket fundraiser.

We know that a few of you may have begun to sell raffle tickets for our yearly raffle fundraiser. If that is you, please return the money you've collected to the purchasers, as we will not be able to have our raffle this year. Our prize donations were not given as usual due to businesses being closed. Typically, the raffle fundraiser money represents about 1/3 of our yearly budget.

The registration fee that each of us paid for our players covers some items that we are able to recover (there will be no fees for umpires or tournaments, and we were able to return the jersey tops) and some items that we are unable to recover, like hats that have been distributed, and the costs of the equipment to maintain the fields from year to year is significant and will continue to be incurred to prepare for the subsequent seasons. A portion of the registration fee goes toward these items. Due to these factors the cancellation of the season is a significant financial detriment for Glencoe Youth Baseball.

GYB is asking for your consideration of three choices:

1. You can opt to donate your registration fees to GYB so that we can continue to provide baseball to our community next year. The GYB Board volunteers are going first on this, and we are personally donating our fees to help keep Glencoe baseball alive.
2. You can use your registration for next year. If you choose this option, 80% of your fees will push forward to cover 2021 baseball season fees for your player.
3. If you need your fees refunded, we understand, and can refund 80% of the registration fee.

The 20% of the fees withheld under options 2 and 3 are to cover the cost of the hats that each player received at tryouts as well as administrative and processing fees out of our control.

Choosing option 1 or 2 will greatly assist our youth baseball program remain financially strong.

**Please respond to this email by Sunday June 14th with the name of your player and your choice of options (DONATE, NEXT YEAR, or REFUND.)** Thank you for your partnership in our baseball organization.

We need your response by June 14th, 2020 so we can close the books on the 2020 season and begin to plan for 2021. If you are for some reason unable to respond by then and need your refund, we will do our best to accommodate, but a prompt response is needed.

If you are able to donate to GYB, you may be able to claim a tax deduction, as we have 501(c)3 status. If you work for Intel or another company that matches donations, please request that they match your donation to GYB as well. Thank you for everything you do to help us provide baseball to the Glencoe community next spring.

We hope that you are able to get outside with your ball player for a nightly game of catch as we wait for baseball to return. We miss you and we miss baseball.

The Glencoe Youth Baseball board