

Ladies and gentleman, Alliance Hot Stove Baseball League and Ohio Hot Stove Baseball League take the safety and health of our players, coaches, families, and fans very seriously. Keeping this in mind, we, at AHSBL, make the following statements:

- 1) Our season is not yet underway, officially, as games have not yet been scheduled. As we do not know the reach and effect that COVID-19 or measures being taken to prevent its spread will have on our timeline, we plan to proceed with scheduling our games to begin as anticipated. If this changes, we will most certainly be working to find equitable ways to reschedule so that our youth can enjoy as much baseball as possible.
- 2) Practices for some teams may have already begun or will begin soon. In these cases, we are encouraging coaches to do their best to avoid indoor venues, if possible. We understand that this puts strain on our coaches to be able to prepare their players for the upcoming season, but feel that limiting personal exposure in confined spaces is an important aspect of preventing the spread of the virus. If coaches decide to hold indoor practices, they cannot be considered mandatory by any means, as parents/guardians must be able to make the decision as to whether or not their player is safe to participate. Once government restrictions have been lifted, AHSBL will notify coaches when they may resume holding players accountable for their attendance.
- 3) If coaches decide to hold outdoor practices, they may proceed, but cannot consider attendance mandatory by any means, as parents/guardians must be able to make the decision as to whether or not their player is safe to participate. Once government restrictions have been lifted, AHSBL will notify coaches when they may resume holding players accountable for their attendance.
- 4) If you are interested in becoming an umpire, please go to our "Umpire Info" tab in the main menu. There you will find a PowerPoint presentation training document and a link to be able to take the certification exam online. Results of your exam will be sent to our umpire in chief, directly, and you will receive a confirmation email of your certification.
- 5) We strongly encourage everyone to be diligent in practicing good hygiene and in recognizing ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 like making sure that you avoid contact with others should you or anyone in your household experience symptoms that could be related to the disease. Seek medical care and follow the guidelines as set forth by the CDC and WHO. A Link to the CDC website can be found below.

In closing, please understand that we recognize that these are trying times and information is flooding toward us all from many directions. As more information or decisions about proceeding with the 2020 season become available, we will post it here and on our Facebook page as soon as possible in order to keep you all well-informed.

Should you have questions or concerns, please send them to us in email to [alliancehotstove@gmail.com](mailto:alliancehotstove@gmail.com) or leave us a message/send a text to [330-539-2255](tel:330-539-2255).

We thank you for your patience and understanding.