



Beth - Wood Community :

We wanted to give everyone who has registered for the 2020 Spring season an update since our last email back on March 12th when we placed our activities on hold ... We all know how serious the COVID-19 virus has quickly become and continues to spread in CT. I participated in a conference call Sunday afternoon with CT State Cal Ripken Officials pertaining to the status of the 2020 Spring season - essentially due to the uncertainty of the Coronavirus, it is evident no one can accurately predict if and even when this virus will subside enough to make it safe for people to begin going about with their normal lives - very much an unknown currently and they unfortunately predicted many Leagues could be canceling their Spring programs.

As the stay-at-home mandate from the US Government has now been extended to April 30th (at a minimum but realistically we believe could be much longer) and our belief that Schools will not reopen until this Fall, after much discussion, our Board of Directors has unfortunately concluded to cancel our Spring season altogether and refund the Registration \$\$ back to our parents. There have been requests from parents inquiring about obtaining refunds and understanding some are / could be out of work due to the shutdown & could use the \$\$, we determined this was the best course of action for our League to take at this time (in lieu of waiting another 3 - 4 weeks to see what might happen). In addition, we were also not certain how many of our parents who registered their children would even allow them to play at all, if / when we were actually cleared to play.

Note that our Board of Directors plans to convene once again in late April / early May to 1) ascertain where CT stands with the Coronavirus at that point and 2) see if there might be any opportunities for **Beth - Wood Baseball** to form an in-house Summer League for our children to participate in, so they could have an opportunity to play baseball this year. If we find it feasible and safe enough that

we can do this, we will then reach back out to you and invite you to re-register your children to play this Summer at that time - stay tuned for further updates on this.

Therefore, we will be issuing full refunds to all those who have registered and paid in the near future via the Credit Card you used. I am personally devastated that we have to do this and feel terrible for the kids (especially those who are 12 and would be playing their last year in Cal Ripken) but believe this is the right decision for us to make at this point.

We are living in very unsettled times at the moment and we all need to be extremely cognizant how dangerous this Coronavirus has become - the safety of everyone is and always should be our utmost priority. Please take good care of your families, hunker down at home as they are requesting and if there are any further updates, I will be back in touch at that time - stay safe and God Bless you all !!

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