



Hello Kirkland American Little League Families,

Thank you to everyone for your patience, as we have all waited over the past few months - to see if we could indeed have a 2020 baseball & softball season for all of our children. **Unfortunately, due to evolving public health concerns, we are unable to have any organized seasons this year.**

To say we are heartbroken is an understatement. All of our volunteer managers, coaches, umpires, team parents and the 2020 KALL board of directors - have been working behind the scenes since November of 2019... in preparation for the 2020 season(s) - and to lose the ability to have any season (Spring, Summer, Fall) is truly devastating.

Looking forward, we will begin the planning for our 2021 season (Our 70 Year Anniversary here in Kirkland) almost immediately - so we can hopefully better navigate the challenges we all have ahead of us.

As a member of our (KALL) Kirkland American Little League family, we want to thank you for having joined us this season. You—your child player, all our adult volunteers, and fans—are an essential part of KALL, and your continued support is so very much appreciated... especially as we look to our 70 Year Anniversary in 2021.

What is the financial impact of cancelling the season?

For three months prior to the COVID-19 shutdown taking place, Kirkland American Little league incurred expenses as part of the 2020 spring season, including - all baseball and softball team equipment, balls, bags, umpire gear, team uniforms, team hats, player insurance, district fees, safety related items, Sports Engine processing fees, etc - in February we also added equipment required by The Kirkland City Fire Dept for updating our concessions stands grease/fire safety systems... as well as long needed safety related improvements at all four of fields near Bridle Trails Park (Taylor Fields). Once the shutdown began to evolve, we looked into trying to obtain a loan or a grant with the COVID-19 relief programs (PPP) to help with relief, but those loans/funds are designed for small business and non-profits with paid staff and employees. Since we are a non-profit, with 100% volunteer operations and zero paid employees (501 (3)c organization), non-profit groups like ours are currently unable to obtain any loans or grants to help mitigate losses from the challenges the pandemic caused.



What about next season?

We really hope that all of the eligible children, ages 4 and up return for next season. **In 2021**, our softball program goes up to LL age 14 and our baseball program will offer up to LL age 13. If this was your player's last year of eligibility, please pass along our very best wishes as they move into their next level of organized play.

Do you have time to be a Kirkland American Little League Volunteer?

To plan and organize our epic come back season next year, we will need to add several members to our Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining the board, please [reach out to any of us](#) for questions you might have.

What are my options regarding registration fees paid in 2020?

- a. **Donation:**
Consider donating your registration fees to Kirkland American Little League. KALL is a 501(3) c non-profit organization and we will send you a tax deduction letter for the full amount of your registration. Your donation can also be matched by your employer for an even bigger impact. With 2021 being our 70 year anniversary here in Kirkland, all donations will ensure we can continue on with the same tradition and experience of the last 69 years.
- b. **Credit:**
A registration credit for the upcoming 2021 spring season.
Upper-Level Baseball (Minors, Coast, Majors) will receive a 75% credit for the 2021 Spring Season
Lower-Level Baseball, Softball & T-Ball players will receive a 100% credit for the 2021 Spring season
Note: If you choose this option, once we begin our 2021 Spring registration (mid-Nov) you will receive a email discount code - to the email address on file in the Sports Engine registration system
- c. **Partial Refund:**
Upper level players (Minors, Coast, Majors) would receive a \$125.00 refund in 30-60 days
Lower level baseball & softball players would receive a \$175.00 refund in 30-60 days
T-Ball baseball & softball players would receive a \$125.00 refund in 30-60 days

Please complete the online form we've [created at this link](#) before July 31st to help us best process all 657 registrations. As noted, if your choice is a refund - those will take 30-60 days to process... depending on the volume of requests. Please be patient, as refunds must be processed manually by volunteers.- we appreciate your patience during these unprecedented circumstances.

Thank you so much - to all the players, families, coaches, managers & umpires for your efforts in setting up this season. We are really proud of all the work that has been done by so many people in our community.

Our best from all of us and our families, to all of you and your - be safe, stay healthy !

Your 2020 All Volunteer - [Kirkland American Little League Board of Directors](#)