

## COVID-19 UPDATES- May/June

As you know, these are very uncertain times for all aspects of our lives and we hope you and your family are doing well. The NYBA is at the mercy of state and federal regulations and social distancing rules. We continue to monitor the recommendations as they relate to group gatherings, sporting events and our 2020 baseball season. Please be patient as we navigate these uncharted waters and work to figure out the best approach to take as things unfold.

### June 3, 2020 UPDATE (Travel) -

On June 2, together MBL and MYAS made the difficult decision to cancel league operations during the month of June. However, they are expecting to offer new programming beginning in July. To facilitate a discounted registration and to opt in to league play beginning in July, all NYBA players will be unregistered from the current program and refunds will be issued, less incurred uniform costs. We will open a new registration by June 6 and ask that families complete the process no later than June 10. Additional information will be sent via email.

### May 29, 2020 UPDATE (In-House) -

The NYBA Board has made the difficult decision to cancel the existing 2020 In-house season. As stated in the email sent out today by In-House President Adam VanSickle, after much thought and discussion, given the continued uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and the next stages, the amount of season already missed and the fact that that the number of teams and spectators out at Sechler on any given evening greatly exceeds the current gathering allowance of 10 people makes the current format unmanageable.

NYBA has already begun to issue the refunds indicated in the email. Please be patient as work through the process.

The NYBA still maintains the desire to offer some type of small group skills and drills based program once we are confident we can do so within the guidelines set out with safety being our top priority. Please express your interest in participating by completing the survey included in today's email and watch for more communications about possible offerings.

Thank you for your continued support of the NYBA. We know this is a difficult time for everyone. Please know that this decision was not made lightly and we hope to see the kids out on the field in some capacity very soon!

#### May 27, 2020 UPDATE (Travel) -

The Travel committee continues to work through the "guidance for social distancing in youth sports" from the MDH which takes effect June 1 to determine the best way to safely get players back out onto the field in some capacity. Please take a minute to complete the survey included in Travel President, Daniel Hollerung's email today regarding your family's comfort level and thoughts on returning to play to help us navigate the best plan possible.

#### May 18, 2020 UPDATE -

Communications were sent out today regarding both In-House and Travel via email to all members. While the stay-at-home order expired today (5/18), there are still a number of restrictions in place that prohibit baseball activities such as: full-team practices, games, tournaments and in-person meetings, most significantly the prohibiting of gatherings of more than ten people. With that, the Governor is working closely with a variety of our local and state youth sports governing bodies to craft a "return-to-play" plan that is aiming for a June 1st release. The NYBA is working to prepare a COVID-19 safety plan, which will include operation and safety guidelines for teams, players and our membership. It will be imperative that once in place, all NYBA membership and participants strictly comply with this plan in order to ensure safety as we return to play.

At this immediate time, because Sechler Park can be such a busy place on any given week night, In-House is awaiting more information from our Governor on what restrictions and guidelines youth sports in MN will need to follow. Once those are known, we can examine the plan and decide if an in-house season will be feasible. The Travel committee will be in contact with Tournament and Travel coaches this week to determine the possibility of proceeding in small group settings and will communicate with players and families once a plan is established.