



Dear GDASA Community,

I want to start by wishing everyone a happy summer. I hope that this finds you and your family healthy and happy. As your commissioner, I feel a responsibility to speak out and do my best to represent all players, board members and supporters. There are times that we represent the organization as a united WE and there are times that a personal touch from a person you put your trust in might be necessary. I thought something directly from my heart was necessary.

We are dealing with a situation in our communities that we have not dealt with before. It is causing hardships, emotions, choices, and challenges that are new to our lives. There is not one person that is unaffected by the current COVID outbreak/pandemic to some extent.

As GDASA works tirelessly to figure out how/when/where we can continue to offer a break in life; we hit roadblocks and delays. The wealth of information that is coming out is enormous and at times daunting. The questions that arrive in our inbox daily becomes overwhelming. I know that our priority is to keep our communities safe and offer them a break from the constant barrage of negativity from the pandemic.

There is no right answer on whether to have a softball season. There is no right answer on how to put the season into action. But there are honorable actions from the board in getting the latest recommendations and implementing further guidelines to offer those that want to get on the field that opportunity. We have recently received information and as that information arrives, we are hard at work interpreting the logistics, adding more safety rules based on our experience in the league and finalizing the delivery of such information; all while answering questions, updating websites, team rosters, and preparing for a season.

I acknowledge we aren't experts and we won't have all the right answers, however; I do know we listen to the recommendations provided and add our extra steps to make this feel safe and fun. I acknowledge that the softball season will feel different, but different is not always bad. It will help us grow and appreciate each other and those that support us. It will allow for us to fine tune our procedures and make life going forward even better.

I am thankful for everyone from the fans, sponsors, players, and board members that have been supportive and understanding as we work diligently and expeditiously to keep some fun in our lives during this time. I respect those that are not comfortable coming out to participate or support and hope you know that you will be missed. I respect those that respect the decisions of each other. Together we will continue to make the decisions to keep us all in good space and together we will make the right decisions for our community.

Thank you to the golfers out there in our 2020 season. I know golf has been a bit different, but you are appreciated, and I look forward to playing one season soon. Keep aiming for that hole in one and stay safe.

Thank you to the returning softball players for the 2020 season about ready to launch. Thank you for your trust in our decisions and practices. We will have those finalized very shortly (we just received them the other day). Thank you to those supporting from a distance; I know that decision couldn't have been easy.

Thank you to the board for getting motivated to work quickly and safely in providing an outlet for our community when we need it the most.

Together we will continue to protect each other, respect each other, and get through the challenges that the world is throwing at us. We are Strong, We are Brave.... We are GDASA.

Please take care of yourselves and each other. Thank you.

Your Commissioner,  
Scott