

Hello GBESYB Families,

As many of you are aware the GBESYB Board has been meeting regularly to create a comprehensive plan to get back to baseball this year. As I stated in my last email, we operate in three different municipalities which adds to the complexities on how we must prepare to move forward.

As of Sunday May 31st, the GBESYB Board Members voted to continue planning for the 2020 season with some changes to dates and guidelines. Before we present some of the changes, I would like to thank all of the GBESYB Board Members for all their hard work and commitment in creating a plan that would allow us to get back on the baseball field, all while keeping the safety and security of our baseball families and players in mind. This was a lengthy process and there were no simple answers. Our Board will continue to meet weekly to discuss and plan for our season to begin. I would also like to thank all of you for your patience and support by allowing us to work through the process to come up with the best plan possible for everyone involved.

The list of changes below is a starting point. Over the next few weeks we will continue to provide updates on any additional changes we feel necessary to have a successful season.

- Bambino, Minors and Majors will begin practice on **July 8th**.
- Bambino, Minors and Majors will begin their regular season on **August 3rd**. We are looking to complete the season at the end of September or early October. Schedules will be provided by, or shortly after the first practice.
- There is no need to reregister for league. Our current plan is to try to keep the original teams. This is subject to change depending on the number of players available.
- **We will not offer T-Ball this year.** We found that assuring everyone that we could maintain a comfortable level of social distancing would be next to impossible. All families will be issued a refund. *If you wish to donate your registration fee to the league, please email by June 15th gbeastyouthbaseball@gmail.com.*
- We will not be offering Fall Baseball this year.
- Concessions will not be offered this year. The GBESYB does reserve the right to reconsider this throughout the season.
- All families will be provided a copy of our league guidelines. These guidelines were sent to and approved by the City of Green Bay and Bellevue (Allouez approval pending). The goal is to make our season as safe as possible for players, coaches and families. The guidelines will be available on the [GBESYB](#) website. The guidelines must be signed and turned into your child's coach at their first scheduled practice (*copies will also be provided to the coaches for signature before the first practice*).
- We will provide a waiver you will need to read and sign before your child will be allowed to participate in practice or games. The waiver will be available on the [GBESYB](#) website. The waiver must be signed and turned into your child's coach at their first scheduled practice (*copies will also be provided to the coaches for signature before the first practice*).
- Our Travel Teams will operate as normal. The only exception is players that have already committed to other fall sports or other fall activities are exempt from having to play in league baseball for 2020.

Registration Refunds or Donations:

For those players in Bambino, Minors or Majors if you wish to opt out of the league and receive a refund or donate your registration fee to the league, please email gbeastyouthbaseball@gmail.com and enter "Refund" or "Donate" in the subject line. Please provide the child's name and league your child would have played in. All refund and donation requests must be sent to the league no later than **June 15th**. All requests after June 15th will not be accepted. There is no need to email if your child will be playing.

We feel the plans we are putting in place will give our children something to look forward to and be excited about. We are excited to get our players back on the diamond.

Ed Pichette
Green Bay East Side Youth Baseball