

To our LNGS family,

We wanted to inform you that our board of directors has met and made the very tough decision to cancel the remainder of our rec season. We had contemplated the option of resuming some portion of the rec season through June. However, based on the environment with COVID 19, the various health and safety guidelines and uncertainty over when we can get access to our fields, we felt it best to make the call for this rec season.

We are looking to assess your continued softball interest for when we can safely resume softball activity. Our hope is to offer a fun and safe softball environment as soon as possible for all levels of softball skill. All participating this past spring will receive an email with a link to an interest form. Please take a moment to fill out the form which will significantly help us in our decision making. With any of the return to play options noted below, we will have additional safety measures in place to create a safer environment.

### **Recreational Softball**

We are considering hosting some type of recreational 'pick up' games over the summer where we could form teams on site to play for fun that day. This may also be coupled with a practice to continue to develop softball skills. This would be offered at no additional cost for those participating this Spring rec season.

### **All Stars**

While an All-Star season this year will be significantly different than in years past, we are still considering forming All-Star teams for more competitive play. The number of tournaments would likely be limited, with no guarantee at this point that there would be any.

### **Fall Ball**

We are still preparing to play our traditional Fall Ball season starting in August, including both Rec and Select options. We hope that if you are deciding to skip on any summer options, you will be ready to get back to the fields this fall for what should be a very fun season and hopefully some return to normalcy.

### **Safety Measures**

As things are starting to re-open in our area and around the country with new safety restrictions, we too are assessing what adjustments would need to be made to safely return to play. As we prepare to open, we will be adopting required safety guidelines from USA Softball as well as the city and school district. We anticipate returning to the fields will include some levels of social distancing, additional sanitation practices and potential use of masks. Our hopes would be to get back out to the field safely with a minimal amount of impact to traditional game play. We will publish the safety plan prior to opening up softball activity so you can make your choice to return fully informed. Note, we cannot guarantee

that you will be 100% safe from COVID 19 at the fields, and will be requiring a waiver from USA Softball to be signed acknowledging the risks prior to returning.

### **Refunds**

While our league is on solid footing financially, we will be taking a significant loss this season. We were able to play roughly half the season. However, we were not able to hold several of our big fundraisers which help subsidize a big portion of our activities. We realize that everyone is facing different challenges in this environment, and as a sign of good will, we will offer a refund in the amount of your snack bar buyout/deposit to those requesting. For those who worked the snack bar already, this would be in addition to the refund for time already worked. If you would like this refund, in the email sent to all participating this spring, please click the refund request link and fill out of the request form by June 12th. If we do not hear from you by June 12th, we will assume you are not requesting a refund, and thank you for your contribution to our amazing league!

### **Next Steps**

We are going to review the feedback to assess levels of interest in Rec 'Pick up' and All-Stars. Based on the feedback we will follow back up with our plan, including safe return policy, All-Star selection process (if doing all stars), and timing.

We thank you again for your participation this spring. While we are very sad to have to cancel, we are thrilled about the turnout for spring, and the great times we had with our girls and families from team formation, opening day and the many games we were able to play. We look forward to the future of LNGS!