



STLWEST COVID-19 Update: March 24th, 2020

Updated message from St. Louis West Athletic Association (STLWEST) Board of Directors regarding the impact of COVID-19 virus on baseball/softball/training league games, practices and park operations. STLWEST includes 4 ballparks; Ellisville Athletic Association, Ballwin Athletic Association, Pond Athletic Association, Eureka Sports Association.

All Baseball, Softball, Training League games and practices, as well as tournaments, at STLWEST ballparks are cancelled until April 23rd. This action is being taken based upon St. Louis County Executive Order #15, and in compliance with CDC recommendations to ensure the health and safety of our players, families, umpires and workers.

Ellisville Athletic Association, Ballwin Athletic Association, Pond Athletic Association, and Eureka Sports Association parks will be closed until April 23rd or until this order is lifted. At this time, we anticipate a return date for our park openings and the season to continue at a future date sometime following April 23rd. We will reassess, and additional details will follow as soon as they are available.

Specifics:

STLWEST Preseason Tournament: Cancelled. If your team is registered for the STL West tournament and you have paid with a check, that check will be shredded. If you paid in a form other than a check, refund arrangements will be made.

STLWEST League: Delayed until after 4/23/20. More details to follow regarding future game rescheduling, or an update to an earlier or later start. Should the season be cancelled, refunds will be processed.

Practices: Cancelled until 4/23/20.

Tournaments: Cancelled until 4/23/20.

As previously stated, prior to the season opening, we will implement additional cleaning practices at all park facilities using cleaning agents as recommended by the Center of Disease Control (CDC) as listed on [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Once the season resumes, all associations will also be following the USSSA No-Contact / No-Handshake Policy for all games until further notice. This policy includes all physical contact extending to customary game-related activities, such as pre-game coaches' handshakes, umpire-coach introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams. Instead, players, coaches and umpires should use verbal queues, such as saying good game, without shaking hands, high-fiving or fist bumping.

We will continue to stay on top of the latest best practices for preventing the spread of COVID-19. We encourage everyone to go to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and familiarize yourself with best practices for personal hygiene as well as the cleaning of your home, work, school and more. If you are experiencing symptoms of flu, please stay at home and contact your health professional.

Additionally, please monitor all local and state health agencies as well as your school district recommendations on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Future updates will be communicated as additional details are available.

Thank you,

Board of Directors

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