

Hello JYAA parents. I first want to thank all of you for your patience in this unprecedented situation. You all have showed great understanding in this difficult time. Last night in a virtual board meeting at 7PM we as a board discussed the COVID-19 situation and formulating cutoff dates for each sport in terms of when we need to start the season. We have already agreed in principle in the event a season is canceled to refund all money paid in full by our participants. We will use our rainy day fund to cover the processing fees that we as the JYAA will pay in this process. We are in contact with the JHS athletic departments and neighboring leagues constantly. The YMCA and Newark little leagues are still holding on to hope we can have a season starting in May however based on predicted virus peaks in Ohio that is looking less likely. We will hold out hope as long as is reasonable. We have asked our commissioners in each sport to work with their respective leagues and establish a cutoff date for their sport. None of us as a board want to see these kids lose a year of their sports lives. Governor Dewine's stay at home restrictions require Belt Park to remain CLOSED UNTIL at least MAY 1st.

On a personal note the best years of coaching my boys were their last years in 12u Baseball and I understand how special each of these years are. I feel I can speak for the entire board when I say that we all want to be able to provide a season for the boys and girls in soccer, softball and baseball but the safety of the vulnerable people matters as well. We will do our best to follow the science and governing bodies to do what is best for the kids and our community.

Thank you

Sincerely

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