



Garner Sports League Parents,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits! While I trust that you have been receiving our communications over the past couple months, I wanted to provide a more substantial update now that we mostly have our path forward.

When I first volunteered a few years ago I never imagined that we would find ourselves in the middle of a pandemic, let alone navigating through it from an organizational perspective as well. I want to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we continue to get through this together.

When we were first shut down, saying that I had no idea what to expect is an understatement. However, the Board of Directors quickly met and went through countless scenarios ranging from getting the go ahead the following week (mid-March at that point) to what is the latest that we could start and still get in a season.

One thing that we did early on was decide what a meaningful season looks like. I am more than happy to discuss those guidelines with anyone that is interested, but since I'm writing a letter, not a book, I'll leave that level of detail out. While we have tried our best to hold out hope, it has become clear over the past week that we can no longer offer a meaningful Spring season for a multitude of reasons, therefore, **the Spring 2020 Season has been cancelled**. I can't stress this enough that this was not an easy call to make, but I believe it is the right one (again for many more reasons than I can explain here).

With that being said, you are probably asking yourself what happens with your registration fee that was paid for the Spring. The answer is – It's up to you. We will be sending out a survey to determine how you would like to handle your Spring Registration and to gauge interest in ongoing open practices (with proper restrictions). The survey you get will depend on whether your registered for the full year or just the Spring, with the below options. In order to ensure timely processing, your response is requested by **June 3rd**.

- **Roll It Forward** – If you registered for just the Spring, you can opt to register for the Fall.
- **Donate It** (Full or partial) – It is impossible to cancel the season without a financial impact to Garner Sports League. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that relies heavily on your support through registration costs and concessions revenue. A donation will help us offset costs already incurred for the Spring season as well as enhance our Scholarship program, which we expect to expand in the Fall due to the impact of the coronavirus.
- **Refund It** – A full refund will be processed for the amount paid (not including transaction fees).

Note: Please only respond in the survey; responses sent via email, Facebook, etc. will be difficult to track and will cause confusion.

While this is not an ideal situation to be in from an organizational perspective, we fully recognize the impact this situation has had on our community and we felt like offering a full refund was the least we could do to help those directly and indirectly impacted. I also want to remind you that we do offer a scholarship program for partial and full scholarships. If you find yourself in need this Fall, please do not hesitate to reach out for additional information.

We hope to start the Fall season earlier than we have in past years to make it better than ever. Please keep an eye out for updates on our website (GarnerSports.com), Facebook (Garner Sports League) and e-mail.

One final thing I want to mention – The Board of Directors is made up of parents like you and we need your help. If you are interested in giving back to the league by volunteering please let me know.

Please continue to stay safe!

Thanks & Regards,

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Our Mission Statement:

Garner Sports League provides a positive environment for children to learn good sportsmanship, teamwork, and physical well-being through quality instruction and healthy competition while fostering a love of the game.

