



Babe Ruth League Coronavirus Update

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Babe Ruth League's highest priority is the health, well-being and safety of our participants, families, volunteers, and fans.

As we continue to monitor COVID-19 developments through the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> - and to ensure that further actionable plans are in place, please be advised of the following.

- Per the correspondence released last week, we strongly advise that all Babe Ruth local league programs follow the safeguards set in place by their Local, State and Federal government agencies in regard to delaying/suspending league activities to protect the members of their community. **As such, we are supporting decisions to suspend baseball and softball activities until your Local, State, and Federal Government restrictions are lifted.**
- How long should your league delay or suspend your program activities? As new information becomes available, Babe Ruth League will continue to advise you with the best course of action to take to protect the members of your league and to meet the guidelines of Local, State and Federal government agencies.

We realize this pandemic will result in all of us taking concerted steps and making important decisions regarding the 2020 season. As such:

- The deadline for local leagues to charter will be extended from May 15 to June 1, 2020.
- All local leagues that have not chartered and insured their program should do so to make sure you have insurance coverage and that your 2020 local league boards and volunteers are receiving all vital information from Babe Ruth Headquarters. (As a reminder, Babe Ruth insurance obtained for the 2019 season expired on February 1, 2020.) In order to obtain your charter and insurance, we suggest you enroll a minimum number of teams at this time. As in past seasons, your league will be able to complete "add/drops" for your team counts by July 1, 2020.
- Also as in past seasons, leagues will be issued a credit for charter fees and a refund for accident/liability insurance for any teams that do not materialize in 2020. Total cancellation of insurance coverage is not possible once coverage is obtained.

It is the goal of Babe Ruth League to have a tournament trail this summer. However, it is more important that we

continue to review the progress being made in containing the virus before such a decision can be made. We will wait a few more weeks and review every possible scenario before making our determination.

We realize that many of you, as are we, are missing the valued traditions of the Babe Ruth League season. For now, we ask you to focus on the guidelines set by your Local, State and Federal governments to make sure we are all committed to doing the best we can for the safety and well-being of everyone involved.

As a precaution, Babe Ruth League Headquarters (located in Hamilton, New Jersey) is following the directions of our Governor. Most of our staff is working from home. All systems have been set up remotely so that you can still contact any staff member with suggestions and/or questions regarding the 2020 season.

We are committed to communicating with you on a consistent basis, providing you with additional information as it becomes available.

Please be safe and we hope to return to the baseball and softball fields as soon as safely possible.



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