



**MAY 18, 2020**

### **Cascade Vista Baseball Families,**

With the recent announcement by Governor Inslee extending the stay-home deadline to May 31st, the Cascade Vista Baseball Board held a conference call to discuss potential contingency plans for the Spring Season. We have heard from many families in recent weeks, with views that vary from “we have to play no matter what” to “we should shut it down until 2021”. A lot of consideration has been given to all perspectives. At the end of the day, we must first and foremost:

- Maintain the health and safety of our children, families, and community;
- Comply with all government and health regulations.

With those key factors at hand, we are planning on shifting our Spring 2020 season to an extended Fall Baseball season that would be even longer than the normal Spring Season. This would commence as the Governor’s Phase 4 is expected to be opened, allowing us to do our very best to keep everyone safe. Please keep in mind that all of this is subject to change, based on decisions made by the Governor as well as your response as a community.

### **HERE’S OUR TENTATIVE GAME PLAN TO BRING BACK BASEBALL TO OUR AREA:**

The new 2020 Fall Season will be 10 weeks of games and 2 weeks of pre-season practices. For context: Spring Season is 8 weeks, and our normal Fall Season is 6 weeks long. We’ve essentially doubled Fall Ball bringing baseball back at an unprecedented value.

**Please contact us regarding your player(s) on one of the following 3 options:**

- **I’m IN!** Roll your Spring 2020 Enrollment into the Fall 2020 Baseball Session
- **Hold off** on Fall 2020 Baseball and roll your 2020 Spring Enrollment to the Spring 2021 Season
- **I’m out.** Please refund Spring 2020 Enrollment (-fees) and join us again when you are ready

***In order to be counted, please email: [info@cvac.org](mailto:info@cvac.org) with your decision, child’s first & last name and your name.***

### **PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

- **Through June 21** (*basically a full month*) – **We’ll review your responses and feedback**
- **June 22nd** – Assemble preliminary teams and evaluate numbers to determine if we need to add members to fill open teams/divisions
- **June 29th (if needed)** - Open a 2-week registration for open divisions with pricing the same as the Spring 2020 Season.
- **July 13** - Assemble final teams - Estimated Phase 4 re-opens sports recreation to full capacity
- **July 20th** - Practices Start
- **August 8th** - Start games
- **October 10th** - End of Fall Season

**Due to the overwhelming number of players involved in the league, please read through all of our FAQ’s prior to reaching out to us or your coaches as many have the same questions.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS — CASCADE VISTA COVID-19 RESPONSE

### **DO I HAVE TO REGISTER AGAIN?**

No. Based on your decision to play in Fall Ball, players that enrolled for the Spring Season are automatically enrolled in the Fall 2020 Season.

### **WILL CASCADE VISTA BASEBALL ACCEPT NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR THE FALL SEASON?**

Depending on how many players and coaches return, we may open registration to new kids based on available space during a short time window. We'll make this assessment by June 22nd.

### **WILL MY PLAYER STILL BE WITH THE SAME COACH AND TEAM?**

By June 22nd we will assess changes to team rosters including coaches that may have to be made due to player withdrawals or additional registrations. We will do our best to retain the same team make-up as we had initiated in the Spring.

### **WHAT IF YOUTH SPORTS REMAIN CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19 UNTIL JULY OR LATER?**

We will not practice or play until we are authorized to do so by the CDC, The Governor's office, and the Renton School District. We will play Fall baseball if we can begin games by August 8th.

### **IS THERE A FIRM DATE BY WHICH CASCADE VISTA BASEBALL WILL CANCEL THE FALL SEASON?**

If we reach mid-July and do not know definitively that play can start by August 8th, we will cancel the Fall Season. If the Fall Season is canceled, all families may choose one of the refund options at that time (see below).

### **WHAT SAFETY PRACTICES WILL CASCADE VISTA BASEBALL FOLLOW?**

We are committed to family and player safety. We expect that Renton, WA State, and/or the CDC will provide general safety rules at the time that they permit youth sports to resume. We will add to those rules and create a Cascade Vista Baseball COVID-19 Safety Plan for our League and fields (e.g. dugouts, bleachers, snack shack, team safety managers, etc.). We will announce the specifics prior to the start of practices.

### **WHAT ARE OTHER LEAGUES DOING?**

We have reached out to several other PONY baseball leagues in Western Washington. Most are also planning to hold a Fall Season if permitted by State and Local Parks and governing agencies. We are coordinating and sharing our plans with those leagues.

### **WHAT IF A FALL SEASON DOES NOT FIT IN WITH MY FAMILY'S PLANS?**

*You may withdraw your player from the league by contacting: [info@cvac.org](mailto:info@cvac.org) by July 13th.*

### **WHAT IS THE LEAGUE DOING TO HELP FAMILIES WITH FINANCIAL NEEDS?**

We recognize that the stay-home order has created financial hardship for some families. If a family wants to play the Fall Season but now needs financial assistance, please contact us about the Cascade Vista Baseball scholarship program at [info@cvac.org](mailto:info@cvac.org).

### **WHAT ARE THE REFUND OPTIONS?**

Refunds will be available for families who opt to withdraw by July 13th, and for families who choose not to roll over their enrollment to the Spring 2021 Season. Refund options are:

- Refund of the registration fees you paid minus the minimal fees that are charged by Sports Connect to process your registration.
- Roll over or Credit 100% of your registration fees towards a future Cascade Vista Baseball season
- Donate\* 100% of your registration fees to Cascade Vista Baseball.

*\*As a 501(c)3 non-profit, your donation may be tax-deductible. Consult your tax professional.*

*If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at: [info@cvac.org](mailto:info@cvac.org)*