



Long Beach Pony Baseball Official Statement RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) League Suspension

May 15, 2020

Parents, Managers and Coaches:

On behalf of the Long Beach Pony Baseball Organization and our Board of Directors, it is with a heavy heart that we inform you all that we are suspending the remainder of the 2020 Spring baseball season due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The circumstances have affected the entire world and we recognize these are challenging times for everyone.

Pony Baseball had been working to develop various scenarios for continuing our season, though it was recognized that several leagues operate on municipal facilities and school grounds. Each State would be responsible for making individual decisions as to whether facilities would be made available. In California, municipal facilities and school grounds would not be available for our use out an abundance of safety.

As a result, the City of Long Beach, Long Beach Parks & Recreation Department, and the Long Beach School District have closed their facilities indefinitely. We will miss our daily routine of practice, games and social interaction, but we recognize the health and safety our players, managers, coaches and families are most important.

We are resilient and will emerge stronger and more united than ever to serve our youth. Our Board is working on a plan to pro-rate and reimburse families for games not played. Please recognize that some of the operational expenses such as uniforms, equipment and field supplies were pre-purchased.

We are working on a fair reimbursement plan as we recognize times may be difficult for some. Details will be provided within the next few days, as an email from Long Beach Pony will be sent with some next steps to follow.

As always, feel free to contact me directly at president@longbeachpony.org with any questions or concerns. Be sure to check our website and social media regularly for announcements and updates.

We will continue to keep you all informed of future league opportunities and getting back to the game of baseball. We are hoping for a fall ball program, but that decision will be made at a later time and once it has been determined safe for our players to gather on the baseball field.

Please remain safe and healthy and we look forward to future seasons.

Thank you,

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