

## St. Mary's Girls' Lacrosse League

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Dear SMGLL Families,

After careful thought and consideration, it is with great sadness that the SMGLL Board is officially canceling the remainder of our 2020 Spring SMGLL Season.

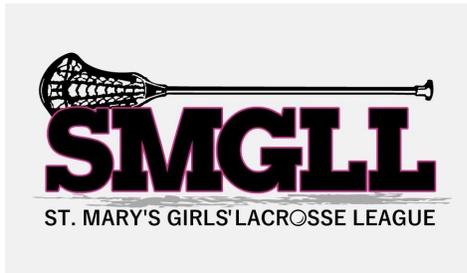
As you are aware, the Board has been meeting and updating our families periodically while carefully monitoring the ever changing COVID-19 environment. Recently, Governor Hogan, the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), and additional agencies have released "Roadmap to Recovery", "Return to Play", etc. protocols that indicate returning to any semblance of a spring season of lacrosse will take weeks at a minimum, but most likely months.

Throughout this pandemic, we have actively engaged our SMGLL players through our Lax Chats with former players, the 3-Week Challenge (which will continue through May 18th), and various Team activities thanks to our amazing volunteer coaches! We have also been honoring our 8th graders who will be moving onto high school next year. We will continue to promote lacrosse opportunities through emails, our website, and Facebook page to encourage all players safe at home to continue to enjoy the sport of lacrosse.

The Board had every intention of continuing our Spring Season when safely able to do so. It is clear now, unfortunately, that this will not be accomplished in an achievable timeframe for our Spring Season. It is our responsibility to shift our focus to Return To Play and what SMGLL will offer in the future months.

We plan to offer girls' lacrosse as soon as we are able to do so. The Board is actively discussing summer, fall and winter lacrosse options ranging from small sided (3v3, 7v7) to our annual fall clinic which typically boasts over 50 players. While the path back to lacrosse is not yet clear, rest assured, SMGLL will offer any opportunities possible in a manner that is safe for all of our families and volunteers.

Thanks to your support of SMGLL, our registration numbers in 2020 were the highest they have been on record. The recent growth of SMGLL reflects the countless volunteer hours of our coaches and board who tirelessly support the SMGLL mission "to encourage and promote the sport of girls' lacrosse for the benefit of emotional maturity and athletic development." We



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appreciate the support you continue to provide our coaches, board and volunteers to achieve these efforts.

Over the past year, SMGLL has been recognized by US Lacrosse for its dedication to the growth of the sport with the awarding of three grants: Major League Lacrosse's Community Grant, a TryLax Clinic Grant, and a Coaches Education Clinic Grant. These grants reflect the positive influence our league has had on the sport of lacrosse, especially here in southern Maryland.

With the cancellation of the remainder of our Spring Season, we are offering three financial options for families to choose from:

1. Accept a credit of \$70 to be used towards any SMGLL offerings within the next year (until May 2021).
2. Accept a refund of \$70.
3. Donate your fees to our 501(c)3 organization.

Spring registration fees are the primary source of income for SMGLL. The refund/credit amount was determined after subtracting expenses already incurred for our spring season including uniforms, equipment, and coach training. Next, the Board considered required expenses over the next year to ensure financial stability and execution of our annual budget. Finally, we understand that many families are or will be facing financial hardship due to the pandemic. Providing the maximum amount of refund or credit while looking to keep future fees low, and offering more scholarship opportunities is of the utmost importance to the Board.

We are asking that every family select which financial option best fits their families by completing this Google Form by Monday, May 11, 2020:

<https://forms.gle/rG6i7RDo57EAa1SS8>

We know that St. Mary's Girls' Lacrosse League has and will continue to be a special organization with amazing players, coaches and volunteers. Families are the heart of SMGLL and we can't wait to be back on the lacrosse field with each one of you.

If I can be of any assistance, or answer questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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