

Hello GCSSA Members, Families and Friends:

We're sure you're aware the COVID - 19 virus threat has now affected every aspect of our daily lives. It has become clear to the Board that we too need to take steps to keep our members and their families safe, regardless of our personal opinions on how this should or could be handled.

Your Board has decided on the following actions immediately, and will be monitoring the situation and, if possible, update you on a weekly basis.

The Board will be a protective in monitoring of the various safety recommendations, while still moving forward on the necessary issues and actions in an effort to be prepared for a season opener as soon as we can confirm a schedule.

Delays in the schedule will be decided on a week by week basis, with a current high likelihood of some delay in the season start.

To that end, **ALL Face to Face Meetings are CANCELLED for March!**

(We are looking at ways to hold some of virtual meetings as a backup)

Key Issues currently on our schedule:

Managers Meeting - The **March 23rd Managers Meeting is CANCELLED** until further notice. We are looking into a virtual meeting room, if possible, in order to keep things moving along.

Managers Draft - Currently Saturday draft is on Wed. April 1st and Weeknights on Thursday April 2nd. These dates are certainly in jeopardy of being pushed out, but we will stay flexible and monitor accordingly.

Umpires Pre-Season Meeting - CANCELLED – new date to be determined.

Saturday Tryouts - The last two weeks of Rookie **"Tryouts/Show & Tell" for March** are now **CANCELLED**.

We will monitor any chance of something in early April - **Stay Tuned!**

Season Start - We are doing all of our planning as though we are opening on schedule April 4th for Sat. & April 13th, with Draft on the 1st and 2nd. We'll see where we are in a couple weeks - with the April 4th date in the most jeopardy.

Registration – If you have not registered yet, **MAIL Registrations to PO Box 328, Penn Valley, CA 95946** (Late fees will be waived through March).

Informal Member Practices – If the Park and/or fields are available, the league has no authority over individuals that wish to use the fields for their own personal use, however we do recommend the following safe practices:

1) Bring wipes to the field. Wipe down the bats & balls before and after your practice or game. Wipes work, but so does 70% rubbing alcohol, as well as thorough washing with soap and water.

- 2) Wear rubber gloves if you have them.
- 3) Avoid touching your face and sneeze away from everyone.
- 4) Be mindful and practice safe distance and no handshakes.

Field Projects - Due to March's rain patterns we have been slowed in our completion of the Dugout and Infield projects. We will make every effort and see no reason why we won't be finished with both the dugouts and infield irrigation prior to the start of the season. This too we will keep you informed on.

One of the field projects that has not been put out to our members yet for vote and approval, is for additional new dirt for the infield. Once we are sure we are moving forward with the season, we can address the approval process then.

All current plans are subject to change with the understanding that any given week we may choose to delay "as needed or recommended" by those doing the recommending, with a very clear understanding of our responsibility to keep our members safe, especially our high-risk individuals.

For you young ones, please remember that more than half of our league is over 65 and many over 70.

Best case, we're all hoping and preparing that the season will happen without delays, and worst case with some delay, but only time will tell.

We will do all we can to avoid a cancellation of the season.

We believe this approach gives us the flexibility to keep things moving forward as best we can, and the ability to throttle it up or down as needed.

Thank you for your understanding in advance, and stay flexible with us.

To Your Health & Well Being,

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