



Nanaimo Minor Softball Association
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To: Board of Directors, House and Competitive Players and Parents
From: Nanaimo Minor Softball Association

Since my last email of 2020.03.15, we have seen a continued impact on our daily lives and of course on our personal recreational time.

On our website, you will have noted that Softball BC has again delayed the season until June 01, 2020, meaning no activity as part of Softball BC until then at the earliest. As we are governed by Softball BC, that remains our position. As well, we note the following from our BC's top doctor who stated that she is still grappling with how to allow kids sports leagues to get up and running this summer, despite the [novel coronavirus](#) pandemic. (*Global News*). Dr. Bonnie Henry says work is being done to figure out how kids can follow provincial guidelines, while still getting exercise and playing together. "I think there are ways it can be done. We need to look at how do we do it safely so that we're not sharing water bottles, sharing food," Dr. Henry said. "We know how important it is to have physical exercise, particularly for young people, over the summer months and into the fall."

If we can start June 1, we have the City fields as usual and most players who have already registered as well as a sufficient number of coaches. It would be great to have everyone playing for that month with the possibility that we could extend the season up to the end of August. After enquiring with the City, our existing bookings could be extended based on current contracts with other user groups. For Rep teams (2), it is possible that they could start even with a July 1 date.

While we are optimistic of playing some ball this year, we are also aware that Dr. Henry has stated that any return to normal will be very slow with a small set of return activities followed by waiting and observing for any new outcomes, repeating that cycle over until we are closing in on "normal".

We continue to follow the guidelines of the public health authorities and our governing bodies and hope to have further communication later in May. We accept requests (via email) for full refunds or you can carry over the fee until 2021.

Thanks for your understanding. Be sure to follow us on our website as to further announcements.

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