



Nanaimo Minor Softball Association
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Hello Parents

Trust you are all staying healthy through this interesting time. As you know, we are awaiting the approval of the BC Health officials and the City of Nanaimo to get back on the fields. In proceeding, we believe that we have the unique opportunity to play summer softball as people stay near home and look for local activities. To play under the "new" rules may provide some exciting times and good memories in how we dealt with the virus. You should read our Premier's statement today (cbc.ca) recognising that the province's expectations for reopening of sports is mid-May.

It takes many people to organize softball each year. We are sending this note to all registered parents/players, volunteers, and coaches to seek their input and to seek their commitment to us that they will be here when we do begin the season. The potential to open the season brings up new issues such as finding styles and adjusted rules for players, umpires, and overseers.

As we have heard, Tourism BC has suggested that this summer is a time to stay at or near home, so why not have your child play softball through the summer. I can tell you that the City of Nanaimo has indicated that our use of fields in July and August seems likely.

Our Board continues to meet and follow any announcements from BC Health officials, Softball BC, and the City of Nanaimo, all of whom will have to give approval for us to proceed with clear and concise regulations. We believe that with the changes that we expect to be made, some of which we have heard such as catchers and batters respecting the 6 foot rule of separation, will be interesting and exciting and form part of the history of how we dealt with the virus.

We anticipate re-opening registration as soon as we can so that we can build additional teams and make the season, in whatever form, part of the enjoyment for your children. Moving forward and assuming that practices and the games can proceed on the present proposed date of June 01, we ask that you indicate if you are prepared to stay with us under the following scenarios.

Option A. Season beginning June 01 and ending June 30 (approx). Y or N

Option B. Season beginning June 01 and ending July 31 (approx). Y or N

Option C. Season beginning June 01 and ending August 31 (approx). Y or N

*Dates are approximate and assume only playing weekdays.

For new registrants, payment will be required with refunds/credit available if the season does not happen. Thanks for your understanding. Further announcements will be made to our website. Please reply to administrator@nanaimosoftball.ca.

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