



Nanaimo Minor Softball Association
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To: House and Competitive Players and Parents

From: Nanaimo Minor Softball Association

Since my last email of 2020.04.24, we continue to wait for the BC Government and the City to give the necessary approval to begin to play.

We had thought that we might begin a "season" on June 1st but it appears that that will not happen. Softball BC is waiting for the general sport sector guidelines to be released at which the SBC Board of Directors will then have to approve the specific plans that apply to us.

Softball BC continues to prepare for the season by offering assistance is providing a library of links to vendors for supplies needed, a list of practices to run for certain age groups practicing physical distancing, skills for the U6 & U8, templates for checking attendance and reporting, signage, and pre-activity screening. In addition, forms have been provided to us to be completed by parents designed to help manage risk for the club and safety of parents (waivers). These will be sent out once we reopen.

NMSA is preparing for the return to play. We have been contacting coaches, managers, and volunteers and building teams in all age groups. We have also been acquiring PPE supplies and drafting the necessary protocols for when we reopen. Once we can get together, we hope the parents will be able to help with providing your children with some of the tools they will need such as facemasks and sanitizer, all of which will help us financially to get through this year's play.

As you may have observed, Beban Park fields have been kept in good shape so that is not an issue. We believe that our existing bookings could be extended based on current contracts with other user groups past June 30th so we look forward to play into July as many of you have agreed. This applies to house and rep team players of course.

We continue to be optimistic about playing ball this year; we are also aware that Dr. Henry has stated that a return to normal will be 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".

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

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