

Diamondback Little League Families,

First, we would like to thank you for your patience during the past six months while our Spring 2020 Little League season has been on hold. While it has been our first and foremost goal to return to play as soon as it is safe to do so, we still have not been given a date certain when we would be able to resume play on PVUSD property. Although there is a plan for PVUSD to return to in-person learning in October, we do not know when renters will be allowed to be on the property. There are many planning measures which would also need to take place before we could resume a game schedule. It is evident that time is not in our favor. In addition, most of our fellow District 3 leagues which typically participate in interleague play with our older divisions have already cancelled play for the Fall 2020 season.

For the reasons set forth above, we have made the very difficult decision to cancel the planned fall resumption of our postponed Spring 2020 season and work towards planning to resume play for the Spring 2021 season.

Our board has engaged in extensive discussions over the past six months about how to handle cancelations of player registrations for the Spring 2020 season and the sad reality of it is, if we were to offer a full refund to our families, it would bankrupt our league. This decision did not come easy but it is important for you to know that more than half of the registration fees collected for the spring season have already been spent to initiate the season (field usage, utilities, opening ceremonies, uniforms, charter dues, equipment, concessions, liability insurance, etc.).

Diamondback Little League has always prided itself on having some of the lowest registration fees in the metro Phoenix area. We are a non-profit with little reserves beyond what we collect from our families each season. We have done everything possible to keep our operating costs low and our registration fees the lowest in the area.

That being said, we are offering the following options for our Spring 2020 registered players:

- A 100% credit of registration fees for the Spring 2021 season regardless of whether the player will “age up” into a higher division, e.g., players in Farm (\$95 registration fee) moving up to Minors (\$160 registration fee), will not be required to pay any additional registration fees (so long as the Spring 2020 registration fee was paid in full). This will be a new season. New teams will be created with new uniforms issued. All players will be required to evaluate (Farm division and higher) and go back into a player draft. T-Ball teams will be re-created but player and/ or coach requests will be honored. For information on your child’s league age for the spring, please refer to the Little League Baseball 2021 Age Chart: <https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/2021-baseball-age-chart/>.
- A 40% refund of the Spring 2020 registration fee paid less any service fee for registrations completed online. Refund will be paid by way of a check issued to the individual who paid the registration fee.
- Lastly, we ask that you consider donating your Spring 2020 registration fees to our league. Your generous donation would help our league make up for the financial losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and help us to continue operations and provide the best possible experience for the upcoming Spring 2021 season. Diamondback Little League is a 501(c) organization and donations to our league are tax deductible.

Again, we would like to thank you for your continued patience and support of Diamondback Little League. We will be emailing a survey to you soon which will enable you to specify one of the foregoing options for your player. You will be asked to fill out the survey for each child you have registered with Diamondback Little League and not to complete the survey more than once for each child.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to email our player agent: lacy.littlefield@yahoo.com.