



# Etobicoke Girls Softball League

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Hello Etobicoke softball family,

It is with a heavy heart that I reach out to you at this time to let you know that we have decided to cancel the 2020 House League season. All of the leagues that play in our loop met last evening, electronically, and this was the outcome of our discussion. We had put together a sub-committee to consider the return to play protocols being developed by the Provincial Women's Softball Association and the recommendation of this committee was to cancel the season and the motion carried by vote.

There is still a lot of uncertainty surrounding team sports.

- 1) No league has received diamond permits or insurance at this time. Will this happen in time to salvage a shortened season?
- 2) What are the risks involved and will any amount of protocols alleviate those risks?
- 3) Will we be able to ensure complete compliance with safety protocols across a wide number of diamonds and a large number of persons involved?
- 4) Who will monitor compliance? We cannot add these further tasks to our volunteer coaches while opening them and the league to possible liability should the protocols not be followed.

These are just a few points from the discussions we have been having over the past couple of months. At the end of the day, we do not feel confident, with all the uncertainty, in being able to provide a safe summer for the participants in our league. The last thing we would like to see is some member of our softball family becoming ill just because they came to the ball diamond. So, what's next?

## REFUNDS

I will begin processing refunds this weekend. This will include indoor pitching and catching clinic refunds. They should all be in the mail within 5 to 10 days. The cheques will be made to the first name listed under "Parent/Guardian" and mailed to the address listed on the registration form, unless I hear otherwise from you in either regard.

## FALL BALL

The league will be retaining our permits at Eringate for later in the summer and early fall. If of course we actually receive permits this summer and are able to obtain insurance. The Executive Team will be discussing over the next month some ideas about how we can maybe hold softball events for any of those interested if things settle down. Some initial ideas include clinics, fun days, intramural games. These would probably all be sent out as "one offs" for anyone who shows up. We would collect fees at the park to cover permits and any other expenses. The organized softball playing season has been cancelled but we have not shut the door on softball in Etobicoke in summer 2020. You will hear more about this as it develops.



#### YOUR GLOVES

If you haven't done so already, find your glove! You can still go outside and throw around a ball. Playing catch is a very zen like experience that can help you put all other thoughts away for a short time. It's one of my favourite parts of softball.

On behalf of the whole Executive Team, I hope everyone is safe and remains safe until we find our way out of this current situation.

Yours in Softball,

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