April 17, 2020

Dear Athletics Participant Family,

We appreciate your patience as we have all waited and hoped that we would be able to salvage at least some of our spring athletics program season. However, over the past few days it has become apparent that due to safer at home and social distancing guidelines, this will not be possible.

It is with great disappointment that we announce the cancelation of our spring baseball and volleyball seasons. Safety is our top priority and we support that home is where we are safest right now. We hope that while you are at home you are engaging in some positive physical activities to keep yourself healthy.

Your program fees can be handled in one of three ways.

1. We would ask for you to consider converting your program fees to a donation to benefit kids. We continue to serve some of the most vulnerable young people in the community by serving over 1,000 meals per week, connecting with youth through our online Virtual Club and providing care for those families who are essential to keeping our community safe right now. In 2020 your donation of up to $300 can be used as a standard tax deduction and will support our organization’s efforts to serve this community.

2. You can receive a credit for the full amount of the program fees. This credit will be able to be used by anyone in your household. For those who believe they will participate in athletics or summer programs in the future, we ask you to consider this option as it helps us to continue providing vital services during this time when fundraising opportunities have diminished.

3. You can receive a refund. The refund process will take us up to eight weeks to complete, so we will ask for your patience as we use the limited staff still working to process your request. Refund requests must be received by April 30, 2020.

Our policy is that membership fees are non-refundable. We will be upholding this policy, however; for those who paid for a membership fee when registering for a spring sport and have not had their child check into a Clubhouse, we will extend your membership through May 31, 2021.
You can let us know how you would like to proceed by filling out the form that can be accessed by clicking on the link below. This same form is available on our website under the Athletics page. We ask that you fill out one form for each child you had registered.

We hope to be able to offer athletic programs this fall because it will mean that our community is getting back to a version of normal. We look forward to welcoming your children back soon so that we can continue to grow their skills and enthusiasm for athletics.

Stay safe and we look forward to serving you again soon.

Sincerely,

Heather Powell
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