



Peccole families, we hope everyone is doing okay during this pandemic. We as a Board want to update you on the status of the new season and our plans going forward as we received parent/coach feedback and then met as board on Friday night to finalize the options for the season.

Over the last week, the coaches reached out to the players on their team to get a status if they planned on returning or sitting out the season. The results from the 81% who responded were: 85% want to play, 13% will not be returning and 2% were unsure.

What does this mean for the continuation of the season? Peccole will play on and has reserved and paid for the fields to continue.

What will the season consist of? The situation is fluid and ever changing. We will take advantage to the fullest extent of what's allowed. Right now, we are in a practice only approved stage and will continue in this stage until cleared for games at which point we would immediately start them. If we don't get clearance until mid-season, we may have a shortened season, double headers or run tournaments. As soon as we get the clearance we will transition and get back to games. In the event that we don't get the clearance at any point, the season will consist of practice only. With the Spring season upcoming and kids moving up in age and possibly divisions, even just practice puts them in a better position to be ready for the return of baseball in the Spring. For some, it's a big jump and rather its games or practice, they will be in a much better position when they transition.

What is Peccole doing in regards to Social Distancing guidelines? We have updated our Covid-19 social distancing safety plan on our website's homepage www.peccolell.com that adheres to guidelines put in place from the State, City, Little League as well additional precautions set by Peccole LL. All Players, Parents, Coaches and Volunteers will be required to adhere to the safety plan as well as sign an acknowledgement form as we want to take as many precautions as we can to minimize the exposure to Covid-19. The coaches will have the waivers ready at the return of practice.

How will the rosters look, are teams remaining the same? With 85% wanting to continue to play the majority of the teams and rosters are the same as they were in the Spring when we started. There will be some roster spots to fill and registration is open to fill those openings. In the event a coach isn't returning, we will look for a volunteer to fill that role if enough of the roster is returning, if not a team may merge with another (only a couple in this boat, the vast majority are close to fully returning).

When are we returning to play? We have paid for the fields, submitted the social distancing plan and will hopefully have our permit in the next day or two. Once we get the permit, fields are available for the coaches to resume practices. We will work with them to schedule.

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For those returning, nothing more is required other than letting your coach know as most have done already.

For those not returning and wanting a refund please email peccolerefundrequest@gmail.com by Wednesday August 12th with your name, players name and a request of the refund opting out of the season. All refunds will have to be by check as the option for a CC refund has expired from credit services.

You can also not return and request to donate the refund to Peccole Little League. It's tax deductible for you and helps the league tremendously as we are struggling without much needed Snack Shack revenue or Sponsorships we historically relied on to offset costs.

How much will I be refunded. Peccole is a non-profit and is funded from 4 sources; Fundraising, Sponsorships, Snack Shack Revenue and Registrations. Unfortunately, 3 of those 4 sources has been all but wiped out due to Covid-19. In preparation for the season which was postponed just days before opening day we incurred expenses for fields, lights, insurance, LL Charter fees, permits, licenses, maintenance, uniforms, amongst other misc. items while not generating the additional revenue from those other 3 sources as anticipated. The league incurred costs amounted to \$135 Per Player in Minors and below, \$165 Per Player in Majors and above. The refund amount Per Player will be the difference from what was paid for Registration minus either \$135 or \$165 depending on the division.

For example: The player registration paid was \$220, the player is in Majors division. The refund amount would be \$220 - \$165. This would amount to a refund of \$55.

REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN AFTER WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12TH. The remaining funds are used to secure the fields and lights as we continue the season, regardless of what the season consists of.

We wish we could do and offer more, but unfortunately, once those funds were spent, the money is gone. We are limited to what we have in our bank account to refund. Nobody was able to foresee this coming in January when we began the season and unfortunately, this pandemic hurt both the league financially limiting our options.

Can we use the credits toward next Spring? No. Unfortunately, come next Spring, all those costs will start over and registrations is the source of funding to pay those incurred costs. Any refunds will be issued via check as we start fresh in 2021.

Are there any options to raise funds to offset the costs and help costs per player? We do plan on having a Hit-A-Thon in the next few weeks to help raise funds for the league as well as a way for the players to raise money and offset the cost of registrations for the parents or give a bigger refund for those who don't return but want to participate in the fund raiser. More coming on this once we get the season restarted.

We thank everyone in advance for their understanding and patience during this pandemic. It's a fluid ever changing situation and we'll make the most of the situation, it's all we can do. Looking forward to seeing the kids back on the field very soon, and for those that can't, we look forward to seeing you back in the Spring.