



## La Habra City Little League

June 18, 2020

Hello La Habra City Little League Parents, Players and Families,

First and foremost, on behalf of the La Habra Little League Board of Directors, we sincerely hope that everyone is continuing to follow the CDC guidelines and our Little League Families are healthy and safe.

As more and more information comes out about how our county and state are supposed to get back to our "NEW" normal, and with the guidance from our City and Local Governments as well as our District, our Region and International Little League Headquarters, it is with a very heavy heart that the Board of Directors of La Habra City Little League has decided to end the 2020 Spring season for Tee Ball and Min B divisions. The mitigating factor is that the La Habra City School District is not allowing youth sports back on any playing fields or sports fields thru the summer. While we hope the fall school year will be forthcoming so that children will return to their beloved teachers and schools soon, it is because we cannot play on our fields at the school (specifically Ladera Palma), until they are. Unfortunately, we simply do not have enough space to allow these divisions to play.

**GOOD NEWS-** with the newest update from the County Supervisor we will be allowed to resume practices with strict guidelines. **LHCLL Board has worked hard to come up with some strict guidelines following social, camp and c.d.c. guidelines that will ensure the safety of all our players. Such as; hand sanitizers being available, wiping of baseballs and bats by the coaches after play and players sitting outside 6 feet apart in their own chairs to name a few items.**

**We will be allowing all those players/teams who are in Minor A, AA, AAA, Major, Juniors and 50/70 spring teams that want to return, to be able to start practicing, come the end of June. Also, if we get the ok to play before we start fall ball we will do everything we can to try to get these active teams to interleague with another league if we can. Some players are in need of a manager to let them practice as a team, because their manager of their original team has chosen not to come back until the fall season. If you'd like to help out please contact the division director right away. We want as many players as possible to be able to play- Each team has a limit of 12 players per the city requirements. It is time to play ball but keeping it safe for our kids.**

PLEASE NOTE: we will have a fall ball season as usual but with strict guidelines. This will be possibly for Min A- but for sure it will be for AA up to Juniors- There MAY BE some leagues that will want to play a competitive division since they missed their spring season and some that want non- competitive. Stay tuned for more information that will come out in July about Fall Ball.

Many questions will arise from you the parents, that are not coming back or your season has been canceled. The one main question will be what is the League doing about giving families credit/refund for their shortened season for these divisions or if you decide not to return for spring? With not having revenue coming in to offset the remaining costs, we need to be very careful and make sure we have monies to cover as well as when Fall Ball starts that we also have money to sustain 'til the end of this season. Our physical annual budget every year, with the size of our league, some 368 players, our expenses to maintain our fields, pay for uniforms, utilities, city fees, insurance, LL charter, office/registration supplies and various other items and improvements such as the new batting cages, as well as what we pay to use all parks and schools we play and practice at, is approximately \$110,500.00. We still have 3 1/2 months left of our fiscal year to maintain and pay for. That is about **\$300.27 per player that it costs** to operate the league. You can see your registration fee and buyout was not enough to cover all our operating costs. **We lost about \$65.21 per player.** As the days and weeks go by please be assured you are at the forefront of our thoughts. Most, but not all, of the leagues in our District have all canceled their spring season and are giving some or very little prorated in refunds or credits to ensure that there is a good reserve to restart once the authorities state that we can. This pandemic was and is unprecedented! None of us ever dreamed when we first heard of it, that it would hit our economy so hard and especially that it would lead to the halting of our children playing sports and going to school. What we ask is that **you continue to support our league.** We ask your **continued patience** as we work through this. We are hopeful that soon we can see some sort of light at the end of this, so that we can envision our league returning to a better, stronger and above all, safe playing Little League Baseball environment.

LHCLL, after careful evaluation of our accounting and future fiscal year remaining expenses that will need to be paid and with a lot of thought and discussion for maintaining the new safety guidelines with supplies, has decided to offer these choices:

1. You may choose to **just donate the refund/credit, if you would like to support and help the future of the league.**
2. By filling out the refund/credit/donate form, per player that **PAID IN FULL you may choose a credit of \$35 per registered 2020 season player towards next 2021 season.**
3. By filling out the refund/credit/donate form, **you may receive a \$35 per registered player a check that you will be able to pick it up in the future- see dates and times listed on the link.**

Below is a link to click open to find the form to fill out. **We ask that you FILL OUT THE FORM to the league as the directions state by MONDAY July 6<sup>th</sup>-2020. If we do not receive the form back by then, your family will forfeit your refund to the league.** No exceptions.

**NOTE: By returning to practice or "IF" and when we resume game play (not inc. Fall Ball)- you are not entitled to a credit or refund.**

Sponsor and fundraiser money that was graciously given, was used for our remaining operating expenses that were not covered by the registration fees, as well as all the NEW safety items that need to be purchased before we can restart to play both now and in the fall. There will be a lot needed to be maintained throughout the rest of the season. The Board has decided **that all banners and website advertisement will remain on our website and on the fields thru the end of the 2021 season.**

**For those teams that want to practice. There will be a mandatory Manager/Coach meeting and for any interested parents that wish to help the teams, on WEDNESDAY June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Esteli Park (PLEASE bring your OWN chair to follow social distancing guidelines and masks are strongly recommended at the meeting. It will last about an hour or so)-A lot of dates and times and new rules will be announced at this meeting. If the main Coach or the Manager does not attend he/she WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MANAGE THE TEAM and will not be allowed to practice or play-The guidelines that have been implemented are A MUST to follow and we are making sure you hear from the Board/City as to what has changed and what is allowed. These new guidelines will be posted on the play.lhcll.com website to review so that parents can see that the Board has tried their best to follow all state and county and LL guidelines to ensure the safety of our players. We also have had a parent, donate for free to all players, cloth masks- Each player will receive 5.**

**NOTE:** Those Managers NOT returning or playing FALL BALL will be contacted by their Division Directors very soon to return their gear and ALL KEYS on specific dates and times. Gear deposits will be given once ALL is returned. ALL pictures have been given out to either your manager or your team mom some time ago. If you have any difficulty with receiving your pictures, please first get a hold of either of them and then if you still need assistance contact your division director. All Candle fundraiser refunds were either dropped off at the address we had on file on the website or mailed however there are 7 families who have not deposited their candle refund check. If you are one of these families or haven't received your refund for candles please email [lhcll.info@gmail.com](mailto:lhcll.info@gmail.com)

This is an extremely difficult time for everyone, both emotionally and financially. We do miss seeing all our League's children out on the baseball field playing Little League. Please spread the word that **all the sports parks/baseball fields are closed until we start up again. Please report to the LHPD** any trespassing so that they may police them and will remove any violators. We have spent thousands of dollars on maintaining our fields to be the best in our District and do not want trash, drinks or food left behind or their beautiful appearance to be ruined.

**We again thank you for your patience.**

Please look for our next update about fall ball registration to come out very soon.

Richard Gradillas  
Pres. LHCLL

**A link to the Refund/Credit/Donate online form was emailed to each parent. Please check your inbox.**

**STATEMENT OF LHCLL FISCAL YEAR SEPT 1 2019 THRU YTD JUNE 16 2020**

Starting Year Bank Balance **\$28,680.13**

Income: TOTAL: **\$118,831.07**

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Registration, Snack Shack/ Fundraisers (inc. candle that went bankrupt)/ Angel Day Txt refund /buyouts/Sponsors/misc income.

Total YTD Income including starting bank: **\$147,511.23**

**Expenses:**

Uniforms/Equipment- This includes spring 2020 and fall ball of 2019)	\$22,660.36
Umpires: (week of 2020 and fall Ball inc. 2019):	\$2,835.00
Snack Shack food and drink and supplies/ Repairs	\$7,054.24
Field Repairs/new cages / Field Maint. /Lights Utilities/Porta Potty's:	\$31,596.19
Refund of Candle sale and purchase of Candy Bars	\$18,756.75
Charter & Insurance for League/Directors/crime	\$3,986.00
Angel Day Tickets bought (refunded inc. in above)	\$10,650.00
Sponsor/ Printing/Banners/ Plaques:	\$4,433.26
LL Patches/Rule Books/Pins/Misc Expenses	\$4,250.49
Coaches Clinic/ASAP/Safety Supplies/Covid compliance supplies/signage	\$4,276.54

Total YTD Expense: **\$110,498.83**

Net Income: **\$ 37,012.40**