

With the recent announcement by Governor Hogan regarding youth sports practices, the CG Board has decided that modified practices can begin soon. The safety of our players and coaches will come first as we begin to allow practices. At this time, we do not have estimated time when game play may resume but our hope is that it will be in the coming weeks. As we have all experienced during this time, there are of course, no guarantees. We are hoping to get the kids moving, teaching some fundamentals and most all having some fun.

Things of course will not look like they did prior to COVID. The participation in practices is completely voluntary by players and families. Those not wishing to participate may request a refund for the 2020 season. Refunds information can be found at the end of this communication and must be requested by June 8th.

The Board recently met with GC Health Department to come up with a plan to help ensure the safety of our players. Below are a few of the highlights of that meeting and practices that will be followed by league.

- We will practice Social Distancing both on the field and the surrounding area.
 - Teams practicing will be split into smaller groups to work in different areas of the field.
 - Social distancing is required by the town for everyone in the Park
- Central Garrett will adhere to all federal, state and local guidelines.
- All managers and coaches will be trained by a member of the board on guidelines, procedures and best practices.
- We will build down time in between practices to allow for one team to clear the field completely prior to the next team's arrival.
- There will no sharing of equipment – players that need equipment will be given league equipment to be returned at the end.
- There will be no use of dugouts at this time.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to use prior to entering and leaving practice.
- Bathrooms will be available for hand washing and will be disinfected after each use.
- All players and coaches will have their temperature taken prior to entering the field.
- Coaches will wear face covering if 6ft distance from player cannot be maintained.
- Anyone that has been exposed to COVID or is not well, will not participate in practices.
- NO one is permitted inside the fences except players and coaches.

Additional information can be found at:

MD interim guidance - <https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/Youth-Sports-COVID-19-Best-Practices.pdf>

CDC guidance - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

Coaches will be in touch after we get the necessary precautions in place, with a practice schedule. At this time, the board has decided to delay T-ball practice. Additional details for T-ball will be coming in

the next few weeks. Any coaches unable to fulfill their obligation please contact your division rep so we may plan accordingly.

Suggestions before coming to practice:

- Talk to your player about social distancing
- Add hand sanitizer to their bat bag
- Talk to them about not sharing equipment

We are looking forward to having fun with the players and getting back on the field. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the board.

Thank you,

Central Garrett

Refunds:

- *Those not wishing to participate may request a refund by contacting Tiffany Perez at tiffanyperez2419@gmail.com. The amount of registration will be refunded minus a portion of the jersey costs (\$15). All players requesting a refund will receive a jersey with their refund.*

If you sold beef tickets, please turn all tickets and money in at the time you collect your refund