



Date: May 15, 2020

Subject: Recreation Sports- Softball & Baseball postponed until Phase 2

In the abundance of caution and due to concerns shared by coaches and parents, Sulphur Parks and Recreation will delay youth recreation leagues until the State of Louisiana enters at least Phase 2 statewide opening guidelines. As always, our top priority continues to be the safety of our guests and staff. **Registered participants who wish to no longer play and drop from teams for the 2020 season please contact SPAR Sports Department by calling (337) 527-2500 starting Monday, May 18th.**

If and when play resumes there will be changes to our normal procedures to assist with the prevention of the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Sulphur Parks and Recreation will be taking, at a minimum, the following precautions at our outdoor softball and baseball facilities:

- Contact surfaces in areas like dugouts and restrooms will be sanitized regularly
- Staff with regular public contact will be wearing masks and/or gloves
- Disinfecting supplies will be provided to each team for equipment sanitization
- Concessions will limit food and beverage to packaged items only
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available at concession stands
- Entrances/exits will be clearly divided to create flow and encourage social distancing
- Only teams and one coach will be permitted inside the dugout. Team moms and other coaches remain outside of the dugout to promote social distancing
- Bleachers may be closed and fans will be asked to social distance. Personal chairs brought from home and placed along the sideline will be encouraged
- Only half of the fields at a complex will be utilized for games to decrease the number of people within a park at one time
- Post-game sportsmanship will be encouraged through non-contact ways (i.e. waving, tipping caps, or cheers). Avoid handshakes or high fives at the end of the game
- There may be adjustments to rules and umpire positioning to assist with social distancing efforts (i.e. umpires may call from behind pitchers rather than plate, etc.)

There may be additional precautions and adjustments made as we continue the planning process. We recognize the importance of youth sports as part of the culture in Sulphur and Southwest Louisiana. If and when youth sports activities resume our primary focus remains on the safety and well-being of the residents. Please continue following the CDC guidelines regarding practicing good hygiene in public when visiting SPAR parks and facilities. Updates will be posted on our website www.sulphurparks.com

Stay safe and healthy!

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