



Important Update: McHenry County Youth Sports Association 2020 Summer International Championships.

Here is an update on our tournament as of May 14, 2020. New updates will be posted as conditions evolve.

State restrictions and impacts from the Restore Illinois plan:

Illinois Governor Pritzker has announced the Restore Illinois plan for reopening the state. The program is quite extensive, but in a nutshell, here is how the program impacts our event:

- The entire state is currently in Phase 2, and our region will need to be in Phase 4 in order to host baseball games (Phase 4 allows gatherings of more than 10 and less than 50). In order to progress forward from one phase to the next, our region needs to meet certain criteria. The earliest we could move to Phase 3 is May 29th, and the earliest we can move to Phase 4 is June 26th. As you can see, in regards to our tournament, we have several more weeks of uncertainty ahead of us.
- If we reach Phase 4, we can have no more than 50 people together in a location. This means that virtually no spectators will be allowed at any games. We will not host our opening ceremonies, Armed Forces Night or Awards Night. It is unlikely that we will offer concessions or sell merchandise.
- The MCYSA is reviewing best practices used by tournaments to minimize health risks to all involved so we are prepared if we are allowed to host the tournament.

Other Updates:

- All international teams have confirmed that they will not participate in our 2020 tournament. The difficulty in planning travel due to uncertainty and restrictions made it impossible to come this year. So far, two domestic out-of-state teams have also canceled.
- Due to low registration and field complications brought about by the 50-person per facility limit, the **MCYSA has canceled Session #1 and #2 for the 11U, 12U and 16U age brackets**. At this time, we plan to host both sessions at the 13U, 14U and 15U age levels.
- The MCYSA is working to get approval from local high school and junior college districts, and from municipalities to use their fields during the event.

Our Position:

- The MCYSA regrets that we will not be able to host the type of tournament that we normally host. However, we continue to hold out hope that we can provide an opportunity for young people to play baseball this summer, especially since many have been robbed of their spring and early summer seasons.

We will follow our region's progress against the Restore Illinois program and monitor directions of the medical community as more information about the Coronavirus is gathered and analyzed. We will evaluate the situation again on June 1st and provide updates at that time.

Thank you in advance for your patience and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Malone or Chris Wietlispach. Their contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

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