

JWS
Special Meeting
Aug. 24, 2020

Attendance: Denita Peterson, Suzanne Nichols, Sheri Dye, Cami Kay, Katie Johnson, Stephanie DeWitt

Denita began the meeting with the notice that Perfect Game has had to cancel fall league due to the damage sustained at the ballpark, and raised the question of what do we as an association want to do? How are we going to move forward?

Suzanne stated that this is a decision for the coaches. The teams still have tournaments to which they are registered. We can pick up more to replace league games if that is what they would like to do.

Cami Kay (U14 head coach) shared that the team practice at Noelridge which has damage and as of Friday still some trees down. Understandably, the parks will be the last thing cleared. Cami further reported that Prairie's fields were also damaged but there was a field across from her house that probably could be used but questioned "would families travel that far for practice."

Katie Johnson (U12 head coach) shared that the damage at her home is extensive and if there isn't a safe place to practice, she would prefer to cancel the remainder of the season.

Much of the discussion seemed to be from a place of being overwhelmed. The final decision about continuing to play was placed on the coaches - both U12 & U14 thought it best to cancel the remainder of the fall season.

Sheri Dye suggested that a credit be granted to players for the cancelation of the season.

Stephanie DeWitt pushed for refunds to be granted if we are going to cancel the fall season. "If half the season isn't being played then the refund should be half of the fee paid." Multiple attempts were made to explain – Suzanne shared that the amount of a refund would not be equal across the teams & would be based on the amount of money the team has left unspent in relationship to what fees were collected. Because the program set a budget based on the number of players desired for each team and the teams did not register or collect from that ideal number of players – the cost to play then differs.

Suzanne supports the credit idea rather than refunds. Credits would be the easiest to facilitate. She questioned to whom the credits would be offered. Discussion lead to – Players who had committed to playing Fall 2020 will be offered a credit on their fees for 2021 if they are ready & willing to commit to JWS for next year. This commitment would

also relieve them from the necessity of attending an evaluation / "tryout" for that same year. Discussion was given and agreed upon to this idea of a credit.

Katie confirmed what she should be communicating to families. Suzanne suggested that the communication should come from the association (either Denita or Suzanne should send the email) no later than tomorrow. Suzanne restressed & reconfirmed - the amount of the credit is not universal for all players - number of players on the team, number of players who paid fees and the team's activity will determine the refund. Need to see if we can get out of AND get a refund for tournaments to which teams have already committed to play. The credit is being offered to those that committed to playing fall league - if a player quit/withdrew from JWS for fall or is on scholarship they will not be offered the credit.

To be done to establish a credit amount:

- Katie confirmed, she has a check from TVT Sports for the tournament that was canceled. The U12 team had not played any spring/summer tournaments (canceled due to COVID). Only have BOSOX scheduled for fall.
- Cami confirmed, U14 was registered for 2 tournaments in spring (both canceled due to COVID) and 2 tournaments for fall (Maya Strong & BOSOX).
- reach out to registered tournaments; submit our withdraw and request a refund. Suzanne sent initial emails at 7:30pm on 8/24, waiting to hear a confirmation.
- reconfirm with PG that refunds for fall league are "full refunds" vs. a credit issued for the next season.