

December 17, 2020
Good Afternoon West County Families,

We hope you all have stayed healthy during this time and are enjoying your holidays as much as possible. Your West County Softball board members have been meeting and discussing how to proceed with our 2021 season and, with the help of your responses from the survey that we sent out, we have decided to move forward with opening registration for our 2021 season!

Our 2021 season will look different than usual as you can probably imagine.

An overview of our discussions are as follows:

- 1) Our registration will open on a "Waitlist" which will make it so there are **no immediate fees charged** for the season.
- 2) We will "activate" players before we have our draft night, the registration fee will have to be paid before they are drafted onto any team. We anticipate the fees will remain the same as the prior season but this will be revisited based on the length of season, etc.
- 3) The county is allowing outdoor practices and clinics, but until Sonoma County drops out of the "Purple" tier, and falls into the "Red" tier we won't be able to play any games.
- 4) We ask that if you are financially able, to provide your child with their own equipment so we have less sharing of equipment between players – we also ask for donations for the equipment exchange in the hopes that all players will have access to their own equipment. Helmets will not be shareable. We would like to ask for parent volunteers to be available as a "sanitizer" station to assist coaches and players with sanitization of little hands and equipment.
- 5) We will provide each coach / team with a sanitation bag with wipes, spray, and hand sanitizer in order to keep the equipment as clean as possible.
- 6) Spectators will have to maintain 6 feet distance and wear their mask. Although even with mask we must keep our crowd in the stands to a minimum (this will change depending on what the county restrictions are at the time).
- 7) Lastly, we are also at the mercy of our schools, we are not allowed currently onto the school fields until they start allowing their own students on them which they don't have a timeline for yet. That leaves us with just two fields at Ragle park, if you know of any privately owned softball fields in West County please reach out to our board so we can investigate that alternative until schools open back up.

We understand there will be questions and we will answer them the best we can, just please remember to be patient with us since we can only prepare for what the future may or may not bring. We will have open communication with you all when it comes to decisions being made, we also invite you to join our Zoom board meetings that happen once a month and usually the first Wednesday of the month if you have anything you would like to personally add. There are a lot of factors to having a successful 2021 season and we are trying to come up with whatever way will allow our girls to play but keep safety as our top priority.

Please continue to check the website and/or our Facebook page often for updates as well as upcoming Zoom board meeting links.

We wish you all a very merry holiday.

Sincerely, The Executive Board

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