

WHEATLAND SPIKES

May Update

Parent FAQ

1. When will we get to play again?

- We hope to begin playing in some limited capacity once the Stay At Home Order in Illinois is lifted & WAA is allowed to reopen.
- Field owners must open their fields. We are sure the Park Districts will want to begin generating revenue from field rentals as soon as possible, however, we expect new rules and guidelines to be in place for a safe return. Private property owners will most likely be the most aggressive in getting their facilities up and running in a safe manner.
- All of our teams, coaches, & parents will be expected to follow all required guidelines and safety measures.
- Changes to safety requirements should be expected and followed.
- As of now, we're hoping for a mid-June return to local games

2. What safety measures will Spikes follow?

- Any federal & state guidelines (i.e. social distancing).
- We will ask that all the players have hand sanitizer with them and we will do our best to make sure the coaches have extra.
- Wear masks when required to.
- DO NOT share any equipment
- Ask the players to clean their gear as well

3. What is WAA's position on out of state travel for tournament play?

- WAA would prefer any out of state travel is minimized.
- Our position is to wait and see what our state and local authorities will allow and then proceed.
- Individual teams would have to make that final determination as a full group.

4. Can we reserve field space on weeknights to play scrimmages/friendlies/exhibitions in order to get games in for our players?

- Yes, WAA will do their best to accommodate field requests.
- The schedules of other programs may have an impact on availability and we are planning to make adjustments for an increased demand for Spikes teams to play some local games.
- For teams that did not have home games factored into their budgets, refunded tournament fees can be used to help cover the costs (rental fee, prep fee, umpires).

5. What is WAA's refund/credit policy during this crisis?

- As various tournaments are cancelled, WAA is closely monitoring events that are issuing refunds (in most cases) or credits for future events. All Spikes coaches are required to report the status of the tournaments they are entered into.
- For refunded events where those funds are not reused (new events, home games, etc), WAA will track the final unused funds. These funds will be used to determine a credit for future fees. In most cases*, the total will be split among the roster (assuming all accounts are in good standing). For example, if a team has \$1200 in unused, refunded tournament fees and 12 players on their roster, then the prorated amount for each player is \$100.
*This amount may differ based upon player credits, scholarships and/or remaining balances on account.
 1. Because we are offering the credit for on account, WAA will increase the calculated credit by 25% and give in the example, a credit of \$125 would be given towards the 2021 fees.
 2. Players not returning will be refunded their portion, i.e. \$100.
 3. Any returning player who takes the 125% credit, passes through tryouts and then decides to leave the Spikes will NOT get that credit refunded.
 4. Teams that are in tournaments that are only giving credit for future events, will get that credit applied to their 2021 team budget, thus reducing the player registration. Tournament credits (vs refunds) cannot be considered for individual player credits or refunds.

6. What about tryouts for the 2021 season?

- The current status for the 2020 season will affect our planned tryout date(s). As soon as we have the right information on our playing status for this year, we will move forward with tryout information
- Assuming proper safety measures, we are planning mid-summer Tryout Clinics where coaches will be allowed to make offers for the 2021 season.
- More specific plans for the 2021 season will be delivered through the returning coaches in the coming weeks.