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As you may be aware, Winterville Parks and Recreation has modified operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Operations modification has included an indoor and outdoor programming suspension, since March 14, 2020. The COVID-19 situation has continued to evolve and has resulted in copious amounts of rules, regulations, guidelines, information, etc. that also continues to evolve. We believe, that based upon current information available from organizations at the local, State, and Federal levels, that we can begin practices. This includes North Carolina Specific information related to Governor's Phase 2 Executive Order and guidance from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS). As a result, it is our intention to begin league practices for leagues managed solely in-house which include:

- **Winterville Cal Ripken Baseball Leagues:**
 - Rookie League: 7 and 8 year olds
 - Minor League: 9 and 10 year olds
 - Major League: 11 and 12 year olds
- **Winterville T-Ball and Pee Wee Leagues:**
 - T-Ball: 4 and 5 year olds
 - Pee Wee: 5 and 6 year olds

Winterville Prep (13 year olds) and Jr Babe Ruth (13-15 year olds) teams participate in Pitt County Babe Ruth League and they have not made a final decision on the 2020 season. Conversations with Pitt County Babe Ruth officials are promising and we are hopeful that information will be forthcoming regarding start of practices for these leagues.

It is our desire to resume game play but timing is dependent upon a number of factors including safety, allowance for competitive play, social distancing, gathering limitations, and measures that can be taken to work within potential limitations in applicable Phase of State recovery. Hopefully, we will be able to begin game play in Phase 3 however, there is always the potential that game play does not occur.

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Tentative Plan for Summer 2020 Baseball Season: Note that these plans are tentative and subject to change.

- **Cal Ripken Leagues:**
 - Practices: Begin week of June 8th.
 - Games: Begin games week of June 29th. Complete season week of August 10th.
 - Game Days: Schedules are in the works. Games will be primarily played on weeknights however, some Saturday morning and/or Sunday evening games can be expected.
- **T-ball and Pee Wee Leagues:**
 - Practices: Begin practices no later than week of June 15th.
 - Games: Begin games week of June 29th. Complete season week of August 10th.
 - Game Days: Schedules are in the works. Games will be played on weeknights, Saturday mornings, and Sunday evenings.
- **All-Stars:**
 - This information applies to Winterville Cal Ripken, Prep, and Jr Babe Ruth.
 - In an effort to provide robust schedules for league play, Winterville **will not** be participating in all-stars for the 2020 season.

We know and understand that there are many different feelings and opinions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and that these may impact participation in what will now be summer 2020 seasons. In an effort to gain specific information into participation, we have created very brief Google Forms to collect responses. There is one Form for Cal Ripken Leagues and one form for T-Ball and Pee Wee Baseball Leagues. **Please complete appropriate form(s) for your previously registered child/ward no later than 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2nd.** We will use information obtained to move forward with those participating and to provide refund information for those choosing not to participate.

Cal Ripken Google Forms Link: <https://forms.gle/kqHujZn8Y8EgwJsz9>

T-Ball & Pee Wee Google Forms Link: <https://forms.gle/FhaifLzFdZXWUXqe9>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Department staff by calling 252-756-1487.

Thank You,

Winterville Parks and Recreation Department Staff