

Members of NVSUA

As you can imagine the past 48 hours has been pretty busy gathering information on what is going to happen or in many cases not happen in relation to the softball season. Here is an up to the minute summary as far as we have been told:

General Membership Meeting scheduled for Sunday, Mar 15th is **CANX**...we are scheduled to have a meeting on Apr 19th

The Governor of Virginia has ordered all public schools in the Commonwealth closed for 2 weeks.

VHSL has pushed the start date for spring sports by 2 weeks as well, meaning no spring sports can start prior to March 30th. Their Crisis Management Committee will meet on March 25th to reassess the situation.

Fairfax County Public Schools: have canx all activities to include athletics until April 15th – this includes the Spring Break Tournaments

Arlington County has also closed all schools through spring break and would reopen on Tuesday, April 14th.

Geo Mason - earliest start date is April 13th
Model School - no activities until further notice
St. John's - no activities through March 29th
Oakcrest - close through 3/20 as of now
Episcopal - canceled until March 30th, pending re-evaluation of situation
Georgetown Day - closed through at least the end of the month
G'town Visitation - planning to resume April 17th
Madera - games canx until May 3rd; they "...still plan to host the ISL Championship"
Maret - closed until further notice
National Cathedral - closed to at least March 30th
St Stephens/St Agnes - coose to at least Mar 30th
Sidwell- closed until at least April 11th
McLean Magic 3/14 – 3/30

We have not received word from: Flint Hill or Potomac Schools but say to say they will not play, when they might resume is TBD

Ft. Hunt Travel no communication – I have emailed.

Prince William County Schools: all activities, field trips, interscholastic contests and athletic contests cancel until further notice; probably safe to say their rec league will be delayed starting as well.

Shamrocks Tournament: still scheduled as planned, some teams have dropped out, they are looking to replace them however also they are reviewing internally their plan

If you have worked a game in the past week, please make sure you go into Arbiter and close out the game---its as simple as opening the game and saving it if there was nothing to report. If you make comments i.e. your partner was late, it would be helpful to indicate how late they were, what time did they show up? If the field isn't marked properly i.e not lines to the OF fence or no catchers box, etc this would be a good place to make those remarks.

Finally, I know everybody worked hard to get ready for the season, spending hours watching the clinic, taking the test, attending meetings and clinics, the list goes on which is all greatly appreciated. I would ask that you take this extra time to ensure Arbiter remains current to the greatest extend possible even if it means updating it every day or every other day. We have no idea at this point when the season starts what the schedule will look like, will they try to make up some district games on off days, will they play some on Saturdays--would not be out of the realm of possibilities or probabilities...if they start playing on Saturdays, rest assure the schedule will be FULL. Continue to review the rule book, case book, umpire manual, visit the USA Softball website and view the interactive umpire manual. This extra time off is no reason to be be fully prepared for the start of the season. I'd like to say I am confident part of the season will be salvaged but I'm not that confident but know everybody will do all they can to get some part of the season in if deemed safe and not a health risk. I know this will have some financial impacts to some, our training class which was really excelling on the field will suffer a set back and its just an overall frustrating period for all so hang in there and be ready when they yell "PLAY BALL." As always should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any board member or myself. Thanks

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