

Subject: Cancellation of the 2020 Miracle League season

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First of all, we hope that everyone in our Miracle League family is safe and healthy. These have been incredibly challenging times for our nation and for our world.

We want to share some good news and some bad news regarding our 2020 season. We will start with the bad news. After weeks of careful monitoring of the situation, **we are cancelling our 2020 regular season** due to the coronavirus. This has been an incredibly difficult decision, but considering the vulnerability of many of our players and the uncertainty about future spread of the virus, we think it is prudent not to bring together large groups of players, family members and volunteers each Saturday this summer. In making this decision, we took into account the results of both surveys, the availability of buddies and adult volunteers, and the challenge of “socially distancing” a player and a buddy.

We know that this is very disappointing news, and we share in your disappointment. Although nothing is certain, we are confident we will be able to resume play in the summer of 2021.

For those of you who have paid for 2020, we are offering two options: 1) we will carryover your registration fee to next year or 2) we will refund your registration. **If you choose Option 1, there is nothing you need to do.** We will keep track of your registration for 2020 and automatically carry it over to 2021. If you choose Option 2, please click the link below and fill in the required information to receive your refund.

<https://forms.gle/roMk1Mr4fNdTuL466>

Now for some good news. Believe it or not, 2020 is our 15th season as a league. To celebrate, we had planned to pass out 15th anniversary gym bags to all our players on Opening Day. That is still going to happen! **We will be passing out the gym bags at a drive-through at the field at these times:**

Saturday, June 6 from 11:00 to 1:00

Saturday, June 13 from 11:00 to 1:00

We hope that you will “drive by” with your player in June.

We would also like to recognize the players and buddies who are graduating from high school. If you have a graduate this summer, please send a picture or a video to us at ohiomiracleleague@gmail.com. We also will be awarding two college scholarships to graduating senior volunteers – The Stephen Romanelli Foundation scholarship and The Jackson A. Amon Young Heroes scholarship.

Also, we remain hopeful that we will still be able to hold two of our annual special events that are scheduled for later in the year – our World Series in late September/early October and our Afternoon with Santa in December. Stay tuned for future announcements about these events.

Lastly, we wanted to make everyone aware that we have a new website. –

www.miracleleaguecentraloh.org. Earlier in the year, we experienced numerous issues with our old website and were forced to switch vendors. The old website (www.ohiomiracleleague.org) is no longer being maintained. The new website has just become active and we are in the process of updating the information.

In closing, we want to say again that we share in your disappointment, but we hope that you will understand that our decision is rooted in our desire to keep everyone safe and healthy during these difficult times. Thank you for your understanding.

The Miracle League Operating Committee