

## Wyoming Minor Ball Association, home of the Wranglers

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: June 17, 2021

TITLE: 2021 season to go forward, with modifications

**Wyoming** – WMBA Executive Board are pleased to announce that there will be a 2021 season! Like all of you, we cannot wait to be back on the field and hearing the sounds of the diamond.

WMBA was pleased to see confirmation in March of an eagerness from our Wrangler families and players to return to play, we have been working diligently to achieve this goal. Through the recent provincial road map to re-opening announcement and the return to play protocols issued by Baseball Ontario and PWSA we are in a place to announce to our Wrangler and Lady Wrangler families that starting on MONDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> we will be returning to the Diamond.

With the green-light received, and while very exciting for all players and families, respecting proper safety parameters and procedures around COVID 19 will need to be enacted. Including each BallPark to have sanitizer stations and protocols in place.

With that in consideration, there will be a phased approach beginning on June 21st.

In Stage 1, we will be operating each division as a whole from 9U to 18U.

- First 3 weeks will consist of returning to the diamond for practices
- group spacing in accordance with protocols will be observed each night
- there will be 2 sets of sanitized equipment for use each night, to avoid cross over
- Each division will be divided into groups of ten (10) players created by random draw of names, plus coaches.
- An email will be sent out shortly to all those registered, with further information regarding start dates and times
- Stay tuned to our Facebook page and Minor Ball website <a href="www.wyomingminorball.ca">www.wyomingminorball.ca</a> for more information.

### In Stage 2,

- It is anticipated that provincial regulations will allow for games.
- When able to return to play, teams will be determined.
  - OBA and PWSA will return as selected.
  - o SOBA will be selected.



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- River/Local League will be assigned.
- River League will be in place for Rookie, Mosquito and PeeWee for play within Lambton
- Local League on route, with Lambton Area teams for game play

#### Fees:

- All registrants, above 'lil Wranglers will receive a complete refund, including the \$100.00 fundraising fee by July 15th
- 'Lil Wranglers will not receive a registration fee refund, fee remains \$35.00. Fundraising fee of \$100.00 will be refunded.
- 2021 season fee will be \$50.00 for 9U to 18U, must be paid by e-transfer before June 30, 2021
  - will cover insurance, sanitization supplies, diamond rentals, maintenance, and utilities for the season.
  - If payment is not received by the deadline, players will not be able to participate until received.
  - Should travel teams be possible, those players will be charged an additional fee accordingly.

# We ask that all players provide an e-transfer for \$50.00 no later than 4:00 PM on FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2021.

- Sent to wwmbregistrar@gmail.com
- Include Players full name and division in the comments.
- Auto deposit is enabled, so no password necessary.

For coaches interested in the SOBA, River/Local League and with our 'Lil Wranglers instructional program., it's not too late! Interested applicants can complete and submit the Coaches Application found on our website.

"We understand that this has been a very confusing and sometimes frustrating process for our Wrangler families while we, worked together with everyone's health and safety being paramount for a season to happen, to say we as a board are ecstatic to see our players back on the field would be an understatement. We appreciate the patience of all of our players and families during these unprecedented times of 2020 and the 2021 season" says Matt Helps, WMBA President

The Executive of Wyoming Minor Ball thanks our players and families for their patience, while we all navigated through the unchartered territory of the 2020 & 2021 seasons.



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