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The Minnesota Youth Athletic Services (MYAS) and Gopher State Baseball wish you and your family safety and good health during these unexpected times. As a statewide youth sports organization that has young athletes from all over Minnesota and western Wisconsin participating in our programs, we are continuing to monitor this fluid COVID-19 situation hour by hour. The safety of our athletes and their families is our number one priority.

As many of you know, the current Minnesota Stay-at-Home order has been extended until May 4, 2020. The Wisconsin Safer at Home order is currently in effect through April 24, 2020. The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America have been extended through April 30, 2020. We are using these orders and guidelines and consulting with local health officials and school administrators to determine the status of the 2020 Gopher State Baseball season.

### **Gopher State Baseball League Status**

After a league-wide vote from baseball community leaders on options for league play start date and duration, we have ***tentatively*** set the start of the 2020 Gopher State Baseball League (GSBL) for the week of May 18, 2020. It has been determined that teams would play their regular season and the playoffs would be eliminated. Regular season games could be played through July 29, 2020.

### **GSTC Qualifiers Status**

The tentative start date of the traveling baseball tournament season has been set for May 15-17, 2020. Any GSTC qualifying tournaments scheduled prior to the May 15-17, 2020 weekend will have the ability to reschedule their tournaments to a later date in May or in June and still maintain their qualifier status. If your association's GSTC Qualifier was scheduled prior to May 15-17, please contact us immediately.

As stated earlier, this pandemic is extremely fluid and we intend to continually monitor the situation. The MYAS/Gopher State does not intend to provide any updates related to the 2020 youth baseball dates between April 9-May 4. However, we will alert you if any federal orders or state/local guidelines change or are updated, causing a change to our tentative start date. Otherwise, the MYAS Baseball Board of Advisors and MYAS/Gopher State staff will reevaluate the 2020 Gopher State season after May 4, 2020.

Until that time, we will be working hard to provide you superior service and looking forward to resuming youth baseball in mid-May.

Thank you for your time and dedication to youth baseball!

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Resources:

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20\\_coronavirus-guidance\\_8.5x11\\_315PM.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf)

<https://mn.gov/governor/covid-19/news/#/detail/appld/1/id/427372>

<https://mn.gov/covid19/faq/>

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf>

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