



Hello Rocklin Pony families,

As you may be aware, for the past several years Rocklin Pony has kept its spring baseball registration fees stagnant. The main reason for this was to keep our prices competitive and offer a great value to the community. However, while our prices have remained the same, our costs have continued to rise to the point where the per-player cost to the league to run the season is now around \$150 (this amount is calculated using our costs for insurance, baseballs, umpires, field maintenance, and equipment and can vary depending on how many players register in a given year). In past years we have been able to recoup some of those losses through snack bar and spirit wear sales, among other things. With our spring 2020 season being canceled we have become aware just how dependent the league is on playing a full season with an operating snack bar and spirit wear sales. We have spent the past few months examining our financial situation and have found that the combination of the cancelation of the season and multiple years of absorbing the additional per-player costs has left the league in some financial distress.

A few months ago, before we became aware of the league's financial woes, the board of directors decided that we would not be raising our registration fees for spring 2021. The current board of directors is in an agreement that the registration fees will remain \$90 for Shetland players and \$120 for all other players. In the midst of this, our uniform contract with Nike expired. After examining our uniform options, the board renewed our contract with Nike. However, Nike has changed their ordering process from a league group order to an individual parent order. This means that jerseys are no longer included as a part of the registration fee. Parents will order and pay for their players' jerseys (approximately \$25-\$35) and have them shipped directly to the player. Although this is an added expense for each family (i.e., not part of the registration fee), we hope this becomes a more streamlined and less stressful process for everyone.

In preparing for spring 2021 registration, we are still in uncertain times. The league has not been given a guarantee from the City of Rocklin or Placer County that we will be able to have a full season. However, we cannot wait around for a guarantee that will likely never come. So, we decided that we will move forward as if we will have a full spring season. To avoid any confusion, the board of directors has voted on a refund policy specific to the season being canceled due to COVID-19 (the general refund policy for all non-COVID-19 reasons remains in place). If the spring 2021 season gets canceled before the league try-outs (a date has not been set but is usually the first weekend in January), then you will receive a 100% refund (minus a \$15 administrative fee). If the season is canceled sometime after the try-outs but before March 1, 2021, then you will receive a 50% refund. If the season is canceled anytime on or after March 1, 2021, then the league will not be issuing a refund. Refunds will be based on the amount you actually paid.

Rocklin Pony Board of Directors

