



Dear Take On Sports Family,

January 30, 2021

With a great deal of hope and optimism, the Take on Sports Board is pleased to announce our intent to re-start activities with the launch of Baseball, starting in April 2021. It has been a long year for all of us, and no family has been untouched by the impacts of the pandemic. Organized activities and especially youth sporting leagues have been forced to modify and adapt, to enact new procedures and policies in an effort to maximize safety while providing opportunities to be active, learn and grow through sport. As a Board, it has been our position to maintain a “wait and learn” approach, as many of our athletes face different risks and challenges, therefore our delayed re-entry into organized activities.

As part of WCWAA, TOS has been active on the larger Board, and have been able to watch and learn as the Park itself, and the numerous sports it supports, successfully relaunch numerous programs. The WCWAA leadership, Optimists and volunteers have been able to once again make the Park a place where thousands of youth and their families can enjoy sports in the time of Covid-19, and we are excited about returning with the TOS program. With these learnings, the evolution of procedures, hygiene services and other modifications, we feel that TOS is in a position to start Baseball in a couple of months, with registration underway in the coming days.

The decision to re-launch has been made by the TOS Board, with the full support of WCWAA. The decision to have your athlete participate will be that of every family, as it should be. Each athlete in the Special Needs community is unique, and we are respectful of the decisions you make relative to what is best for your athlete. Specific to Baseball, we are looking to utilize best practices from the Park, as well as determine other policy/operational items specific to our games, buddies, athletes and families for maximum safety. Additionally, for those families with standing credits from last year’s Baseball cancellation, the intent is to allow you to use that credit for the ’21 season, your patience and understanding around those fees has been greatly appreciated.

Take On Sports, since inception, has been an extended family, united by the common purpose of seeing our athletes have their opportunity to enjoy sports to the best of their ability. The emotional learnings, teamwork, friendships we seek to foster are always our commitment. As volunteers with Special Needs children of our own or an affinity to helping them, we know there may be specific questions, concerns, suggestions or comments relative to your athlete or buddy and we welcome your feedback. Our desire would be to collect that information to augment a building FAQ document that allows our families a central source for questions/answers and information as it comes available. More to come, we are excited about being “back in the game” and looking forward to a successful 2021 for Take on Sports.

Sincerely,

Steve Latham  
President/Take On Sports