



March 12, 2020

Dear Families:

I write to confirm that ABR is suspending all baseball activities, including House events, Arlington Storm Baseball events, coaching clinics, and uniform and equipment distribution, effective immediately.

ABR is taking this action for the personal safety of our players, families, and volunteers, and for the interest of public health in our community. It is based on sound scientific and public health advice regarding the pandemic outbreak of the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19. That advice changes rapidly as we learn more about the virus, its spread, and the risks associated with certain activities. Therefore, ABR will continually evaluate the circumstances, consult reliable advice, and update our approach. The ABR Board will teleconference regularly and we will resume activities only when it is safe to do so.

ABR has been Arlington's home team for 35 years. We will always be guided by the best interests of our players and families, and abide by our commitment to being a responsible leader-organization in the Arlington community. In reaching our decision, ABR has worked closely with our diamond sport counterparts from Arlington Little League, Arlington Senior Babe Ruth, and Arlington Girls Softball. These leagues, which are likewise suspending their sports activities, are excellent partners and are committed to the same aims. Although we are all disappointed by the need to suspend activities, we all agreed that this was the right move and took this step together.

We realize that our community—our country for that matter—is truly in uncharted territory as we deal with this health crisis. We aim to do our part to help keep others safe while we all calmly ride this out. If there is anything that ABR can do to support you and your family at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me. We will be in touch with more information as soon as we have something to report.

Sincerely,

J.P. Cooney
President, ABR Board of Directors

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