



Tri-County and Big 4 Leagues



Baldwin City De Soto Eudora Gardner Spring Hill Wellsville

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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In this unprecedented time, the communities that comprise the Tri-County and Big 4 Leagues are eager and excited to attempt to bring a baseball and softball season to the youth of their respective towns. In the same breath, we recognize this needs to be done safely and responsibly and within the Governor's framework for reopening the state. That said, we will use the following timeline for implementation of the 2020 season:

Registration Deadline: June 5

Practices Begin: Week of June 22

***PLEASE NOTE* If health restrictions do not allow numbers to gather for practices or games safely by July 6th, the 2020 season will be cancelled.**

All teams will play a condensed schedule. Teams will play 2 games a week and they could be played any day of the week Monday through Friday. Some games could also be played Saturday mornings to avoid the heat of the day. We will avoid scheduling games on Sunday. Fees and equipment distribution will be determined by each community and will be communicated as such.

Most importantly, these dates are contingent on the Governor's Ad Astra Plan for reopening the State as well as the Kansas Recreation and Park Association's Reopening Guidelines. If practices and games are pushed back for reasons related to the State's recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic, league administrators reserve the right to push back the start of practices and games to accommodate the guidelines put forth in the Governor's Plan. Again, if we cannot begin practices or games by July 6th, there will not be baseball or softball games played in 2020. In the case that these plans do not allow us to begin the season, your community's league administration will be in contact with volunteer coaches and participants to keep you informed as to next steps in the process. If we are fortunate enough that health officials deem that we are trending positively and we move through the phases of the plan quickly and per the Governor's Plan we could start practices and games sooner, we will not do so. Under no circumstance will we begin practices before June 22nd.

For information on registration, volunteer opportunities, equipment, or anything else related to the league, please contact your local league administration.

"Providing places, pathways and programs to promote healthy lifestyles and maximize positive behaviors in the community."