

Dear Parents

We hope this letter finds everyone safe and healthy. Please take a moment to read this letter regarding registration for our upcoming fall season.

Thank you – GYCL Board.

### **COVID-19 GYCL Response**

In these uncertain times its never been more important for us to provide our children with a sense of normalcy, safety, hope and assurance. The GYCL wants to assure our parents and athletes we are doing everything in our power to protect our athletes and our upcoming 2020 season.

The GYCL Board has come together and addressed a very important question: ***In these uncertain and complex times, how do we plan for and provide a community team sport that has over 20 years tradition in Greenwich?***

Keeping normalcy, safety, hope and assurance our primary focus, the Board is planning our 2020 season by hoping for the best yet preparing for the worst. Since we do not know how life will look like in the fall, we have devised three plans for the 2020 Fall GYCL Season: **Full Season**, **Revised Season**, and **Cancelled Season**.

#### **Full Season\*:**

A normal full & complete season starting practices late August, performing our Exhibition in November and cheering for games September through mid-November. The normal season registration fee is \$265 (same as previous) year.

#### **The Revised Season\*:**

A modified no-contact season which would include team practices and cheering Sunday games. We would eliminate all contact & stunting and our exhibition showcase. The registration fee for a Revised Season would be \$165.

\*Both Full and Revised seasons would be implemented with extreme safety guidelines which may include but not limited to: cleanliness, hygiene, wearing masks, handwashing/hand sanitizing at the beginning/during/end of every team gathering as well as **very strict & enforced** guidelines regarding sick or potentially sick children not being permitted to participate.

#### **Cancelled Season:**

If the season is cancelled – we will look at the following:

1. Who would have been our graduating 8th seniors and what can we do to honor their previous years participation with their perspective teams within the GYCL?
2. Our United competitive team – final information re United would come at a later time as their season could start at a later/safer time.
3. Plan for a spectacular 2021. We will begin planning for the best come back ever!

We are aiming to announce a final decision on our season no later than August 15, 2020. In the meantime, to be prepared we are launching **registration now!** Only \$15 is due at time of

registration. This \$15 pays for our registration administrative fees and is non-refundable. Once a decision is reached on the season, remaining registrations fees will be due by Aug 30.

Additionally, the \$45 GYCL League fee only applicable for new families will also be postponed until August 15.

***Why it's important to register now?***

We are asking all families who intend to have their child participate (should we have a full or revised season) to register now for several important reasons:

1. Waiting to register could overlap with back-to-school. Getting GYCL registration done now will relieve parents of having to scramble to get it done in August at the same time of dealing with back-to-school and all that entails.
2. Our season practices could start as early as August 20<sup>th</sup> and no child will be permitted to participate who is not registered.
3. Early registration helps our directors prepare for the best season possible. There is an extensive amount of behind the scenes planning that goes into each season and knowing our team size helps tremendously.
4. Knowing our potential team sizes could also factor into the final decision on what kind of season, if any, to proceed with.

We want to thank all of you for your continued support and patience.