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Dear Players, Parents, Officials, Sponsors, and Friends,

Like many of you, the SMBA is following the societal developments caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. This time of the year is usually spent on preseason activities to ensure an enjoyable summer for everyone involved. The Board has been working furiously to develop additional plans in case our plan "A", which is to have a normal season, gets upended.

It is our sincere desire to see players on the diamonds this summer but our concerns regarding everyone's health remains paramount. In addition to this, the SMBA must comply with the direction of two important agencies: Baseball Ontario (the sport governing body for baseball in the province) and the City of Greater Sudbury.

With all sports (both profession and recreational) on hiatus for the time being, discussions are taking place at all levels with regards to expected timelines moving forward. We expect to know more from our governing bodies over the next few weeks. Once SMBA get the green light to play, we will be about two weeks away from first pitch. Of course, the date of this will have a significant impact on how the season will look – everything ranging from "business as usual" to "see you in 2021" is being considered as options.

SMBA has put a pause on registration for the time being. If you have already registered, we will be reaching out to you once we have a better idea of what the season will look like. We will also be giving those who have not registered the chance to join us once the season is approved to start.

We are in uncertain times and managing this is like trying to hit a knuckle ball in the dark. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time as we work hard for the best interest of all our stakeholders. Here's hoping we will hear the words "Play Ball!" sometime soon.

We wish you and your family all the best during these strange times.

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Charles Fink, President
On behalf of the SMBA Board of Directors