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Topic Youth Sports

BCC Agenda Date 9-3-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

Together we feel that we are able to provide an outdoor physical activity for our kids to participate in that they need for their own mental and physical wellness. We do plan to continue conditioning our kids with our return to play rules maintained. We are temperature checking our kids every night. We are symptom checking our kids every night. We have them sanitize their hands before taking the field. All of our coaches, volunteers and parents are in masks. We are doing what we can to follow the CDC and Board of Health's recommendations. Our concerns are without football or cheer to look forward to our kids are actually more at risk then being with us. During a typical season our kids go to school and after school they have enough time to go home, do some homework, eat a little and then head out the door for practice where each one will be subjected to screening for COVID-19. They are at the field from 6pm-8:30pm, then they go home, shower, eat, finish their homework and go to bed. Essentially, we are creating our own little bubble for these kids while we are active in season. Without a season our opinion is our kids will have a lot of free time with no supervision, which would put them more at risk then a supervised season. We respect and understand your decision but ask you for a definitive date that we will be allowed to move towards contact and competitions based off of levels you deem acceptable. We request guidance as to what you are looking for in regard to data to allow us to have contact and compete. Is your decision based off of percent positive, number of cases, hospitalization rates or all of the above? If we know what the expectations are, we can better plan for our season. We have been waiting this information for months and are consistently given nothing. We have gather over 1400 signatures - our parents have weighed in on the potential risk to our kids and feel that the benefits of moving forward with a season outweigh the risk. This speaks volumes. We as a whole would like our voices and the voices of our parents heard. We respectfully request to be

involved in future meetings so we as well can be heard. We are all volunteers that are attempting to provide a service to our parents and supporters. We feel with their support it is encouraging enough to not give up and push forward for a season. We would like to be part of the final decision with the mindset that our goal is not to put our kids and families at greater risk in doing so. TBYFL plays at more of a local level and would need competitions to start no later than October 15th to have a fall season with contact being allowed by October 1. We would like guidance from you to make this happen. We look forward to having a few representatives from our United Coalition to be involved in your next meeting to work on a safe reasonable return to play because our kids not only need it physically, but mentally too. Thank you for your time
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