

It's Deja-vu all over again!

Last year saw a year of growth, mis-steps, and some mistakes. Baseball wasn't perfect last season during the pandemic, and we have learned some valuable lessons. We must remember that we had zero cases of spread out at SMP last season, as everyone tried their best to watch out for one another and respect others space. We will need to continue to be flexible, accommodating and patient. We cannot expect perfection as we navigate the rules, guidelines and structure. There will be mistakes along the way, and it will be so hard for our players, fans and coaches to remember to not high 5, shake hands, or bring Spitz to the park. Please read over the checklist for players and fans on our website. Mistakes may be made, but I trust that everyone will try their best to make sure to respect others and be mindful of how they are conducting themselves. **Once again, it is time to shine as a community. We got this.**

We have a wonderful opportunity to practice patience, forgiveness and our flexibility. Let's make this year great for our players because that is the bottom line. We are all here for our kids, (or grandkids, or step kids, or nieces, nephews, etc.) and our goal always is to provide our kids and our community something to do during the spring/summer. There is a magic to being out at Simplot Park, and I believe that time spent at any ballpark is not deducted from your life span. Enjoy your friends, family and one another for the next few weeks, and escape from your reality. I think everyone agrees that it has been a long year.

Finally, as always, I need to pass on all credit to our volunteers and our executive. One in five people involved in baseball give back as a coach, volunteer, or on the executive. That is an outstanding number, and it is one reason why we are so successful. Other sports shrink as the age groups get older. Brandon baseball now has 40+ kids in our oldest age category (U18). Outstanding numbers, and I believe it is because we try our best to make kids feel included and welcome throughout their career. Please make sure to say a quick 'Thanks!' to the volunteers as well as the BMBA executive who put in countless hours to make sure that all our players get to...
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