



2020 Senior Extended Eligibility

March 31, 2020

Dear HWSA Coaches & Families:

In a short three weeks, we've gone from "Do you think it's possible that we might have to modify the tournament?" to "We've got much bigger things to worry about than a baseball tournament."

Nevertheless, the HWSA Board feels especially badly for the seniors who are missing out on, what has become for many, the highlight of their homeschool baseball experience. My son Dave, who graduated in 2005 and played four years of college baseball, has told me this more than once. In an effort to do what we can, HWSA will modify its eligibility rules for 2021 to allow a 2020 senior who appeared on a roster submitted to HWSA this year to return and play in our 2021 tournament (April 25 – May 1, 2021) so long as he meets two conditions: (1) he must be age eligible for 2021 – not 19 before September 1, 2020; and (2) he cannot have graduated from high school before May 1, 2021.

For clarity, this applies only to 2020 seniors. For all other players who appeared on a roster submitted in 2020, HWSA will count 2020 as a year of grade-eligibility. 2020 juniors will be 2021 seniors; 2020 sophomores will be 2021 juniors, etc.

While we recognize that the losses of 2020 will be far reaching—not just in the sports arena—we wanted to offer this accommodation to help soften the loss for those seniors who have the flexibility to extend their high school. We trust that the especially disappointing circumstances of 2020 make this exception understandable for this class. We pray we will never again have a senior class go through a final year like this one.

If you have questions, please contact us.



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