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San Luis Obispo Blues Season Status and Statement on COVID-19 (Update: May 4, 2020)

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – The San Luis Obispo Blues Baseball Organization have been holding weekly management meetings to assess the issues surrounding COVID-19 and its effects on the 2020 summer collegiate baseball season.

After much deliberation and heartache, it was decided that the San Luis Obispo Blues shall not field a team during the 2020 season.

"My family and I have been working for more than a decade to build the Blues into a community staple. It breaks our hearts to have to cancel the 2020 season, however, we feel strongly that we have a social obligation not to encourage group gatherings and put ANYONE at further risk until everyone is safe," explained General Manager Adam Stowe. "Financially, the ramifications of this decisions are quite devastating. It will set us back almost 10 years. Despite that, we have made a conscious decision to protect our fans, players, coaching staff, host families, game day staff, vendors and the community in general above all else."

The Blues are one of the longest running summer collegiate teams in the Nation and will return for the 2021 season as one of the longest surviving, tenured members of the California Collegiate League. Next season the Blues will celebrate the 75th anniversary of their founding.

In fact, the Blues are very proud to announce Ted Lilly (former MLB - NL and AL All-Start Pitcher) as a member of the SLO Blues Management Group moving forward. Effective immediately, Ted Lilly will take over as the President of Baseball Operations for the SLO Blues. "Ted's expertise will be invaluable. It will help take the quality of our baseball and the developmental experience for our players to the next level," exclaimed Stowe. "I'm very much looking forward to working closely Ted and learn everything I can."

ABOUT

The San Luis Obispo Blues are a summer collegiate baseball team that plays roughly 35 games in San Luis Obispo each summer. The Blues are a member of the 10-team California Collegiate League; one of the strongest leagues in the country. Established in 1946, the Blues currently draw about 35,000 fans annually. For more information, go to www.bluesbaseball.com or call 805-512-9996.