



ROCKHOUNDS BASEBALL

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Media Release

"Senior Series" Postponed

Concerns Over Covid-19 Force Postponement of RockHounds' Tournament for Graduating Permian Basin High School Baseball Players

The High School Senior Series, scheduled for this weekend (July 24 and 25), has been postponed due to concerns over the Coronavirus.

RockHounds general manager Monty Hoppel announced the postponement in the wake of the rise in Covid-19 cases in the Permian Basin.

"The safety of our staff, fans and all coaches and players have always been the highest priority surrounding this event. Based on the severity of the (Covid-19) spike we've seen over the last few weeks, we believe the best decision is to postpone the series."

Hoppel added that the RockHounds still hope to host the event if conditions warrant.

"Ever since the RockHounds minor league season was cancelled we have been looking for events to host at the ballpark and this tournament was our first idea," Hoppel said. "We really wanted to give graduating seniors the opportunity to take field one last time in their high school careers."

Hoppel added that, while the RockHounds have developed a comprehensive ballpark safety plan, everyone involved felt it was imperative to use an abundance of caution in moving forward.

"I would like to thank Ray Fieldhouse on our staff and the volunteer coaches who have worked so hard to put the teams ... and this event ... together."

Fieldhouse, an assistant general manager with the RockHounds and the event's co-organizer, echoed the sentiment, crediting Bobby Alvarez (Lamesa High School), Daniel Carrillo (Big Spring High School), Robert Morris (Andrews High School) and Jeremy Mueller (Midland High School) for their efforts.

"These coaches have been outstanding to work with and we can't thank them enough," Fieldhouse said. "We're still hoping for the chance to get these kids and coaches back on the diamond."

"We know it's disappointing for the players," Hoppel concluded, "and we share their disappointment. Our goal was give them the opportunity to take the diamond one more time as high school seniors. But we care more about them as people and that's the most important thing."



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