

## **Big League Dreams Statement**

To Our Big League Dreams Family and Friends,

We are very disappointed at the abrupt closure of the Big League Dreams Sports Park in Gilbert, Arizona. Future tournaments are being canceled or relocated until further developments unfold. Big League Dreams is saddened at all of the inconvenience the Town's action has caused.

Big League Dreams has tried on numerous occasions to meet with Town officials and policy makers associated with the closure. Our next opportunity for these discussions will be on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. We remain hopeful that we can make progress during this meeting and get the issues resolved.

To date, Big League Dreams has provided the Town with an interim operating plan that addresses each of the Town's concerns and provides a feasible and reasonable way to get the fields up and running so play can resume. The proposal provides a means by which the Sports Park could open while addressing each and every concern which has thus far been articulated by the Town. The Sports Park was originally constructed by the contractor, Mortensen Construction, which was selected by the Town. The construction of the Sports Park experienced substantial and significant cost overruns. The Town was responsible for the supervision and inspection of the construction. The Town has now, and for the first time in almost ten (10) years, alleged that there are "potential" structural issues which have not expressed themselves with any signs of stress. The Town alleges that the monsoon season poses a substantial threat to public safety despite those same structures having withstood the same monsoon weather conditions in each of the prior 10 years. Big League Dreams and its retained professional structural engineers dispute the allegations and welcome the opportunity to establish both the inaccuracy of the allegations and to confirm that the structures have not and are not compromised.

Big League Dreams has been privileged to enjoy an excellent reputation in each of the 11 communities where we operate. We continue to be grateful and encouraged by all of the support from the leagues, players, vendors, employees and community members.