



Firebirds Soccer Club
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Ms. Nicole Aranas
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Village of Lombard
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Dear Ms. Aranas:

On behalf of the Firebirds Soccer Club I would like to thank you and the Village of Lombard for considering our application for funding of the 2020 DuPage Preseason Invitational Tournament. The Club appreciates the Village's support of the event. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the Club's control, we are not able to host the event in 2020. We have been informed by the Lombard Park District that one of the facilities that is used for the event will likely not be available in 2020 due to construction activities.

We will be reviewing our options for 2020, but will not require funding from the Village for the event. We are still looking to host a scaled down event that will not attract 75 plus participants. I understand that this matter was to be considered at the February 4, 2020 meeting of the Community Promotion and Tourism Committee. The Firebirds SC would like to thank the Committee for their time and efforts to encourage visitors and hotel stays in Lombard.

The cancellation of the DuPage Preseason Invitational comes as a disappointment to the Club, as this is a fund raiser that will help the Club make capital improvements to facilities that will encourage growth and development of our players. We hope to restore and grow the event in 2021.

The Firebirds SC look forward to a continued partnership with the Village of Lombard to provide our players, coaches, the community and the region an excellent soccer tournament.

Sincerely,

Carl Goldsmith
Tournament Director

cc: Firebirds Board of Directors