



## WHITE BEAR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

# 2021 COVID Preparedness

To: All WBBA Families

From: WBBA Board of Directors

Re: COVID Preparedness

Date: 1/7/2021

Reference link: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sportsguide.pdf>

Hello Families – per the reference link above, the WBBA is committed to following the guidelines for youth sports as suggested by the Minnesota Department of Health. We will keep this document as up-to-date as possible throughout 2021 as/if the guidelines from the MDH change.

For indoor training, we will be adhering to these guidelines for the month of January, at a minimum:

- Pods for each training session will be kept to 25 or less, including coaches.
- In order to maintain the pods of players, there will be no refunds or back-fills for players who miss a particular session they have registered for.
- No parents are allowed inside the facility.
- Players will only be allowed inside the facility 5 minutes prior to their session start time.
- Players must check-in for every session.
- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Each player must bring their own water bottle.
- No equipment sharing will be allowed, other than the sharing of baseballs.
- A waiver must be signed by a parent for both the facility and WBBA prior to participation.

For outdoor participation, at this point in time, nothing has changed from last year's plan:

- We will be following the guidance of MYAS, our traveling league governing body, who has been working with Governor Walz's office and is part of a task force for enabling the safe continuation of youth sports.
- Regarding equipment:
  - All players will be responsible for using their own baseball gloves, batting helmet, bats, batting gloves, and hats. There will be no sharing of this equipment amongst players, and players/parents will be responsible for disinfecting their own gear.
  - It is also strongly recommended that all players have their own bottle of hand sanitizer in their baseball bag at all times.
  - Catchers gear, if shared amongst players, will be disinfected after each use. WBBA will provide two sets of catcher's gear for each team. Parents may also choose to buy gear on their own for their player's exclusive use. Coaches will

need to communicate with the team as to which players will be played at catcher due to any equipment constraints and/or the availability of disinfectant wipes.

- Baseballs will be shared, and not necessarily disinfected on a regular basis. This is a risk that all parents will need to assess for their player prior to allowing them to play.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please let us know.

Sincerely,

WBBA Board of Directors