



June 4, 2020

Play Ball ... Safely

Fort Collins Baseball Club is returning to baseball activities effective Friday, June 5. This is in accordance with guidance and authorization communicated by the State of Colorado on Thursday, June 4.

Competitive Teams and Intermediate Teams can begin practicing immediately. Each player/family must complete the Two-Step Sign-Off to be eligible to participate. If you prefer to not sign-off on the Acknowledgement of Protocols and the Liability Waiver, FCBC understands and will refund your registration fee and remove your player from his/her roster.

Recreational Teams can begin practicing on Wednesday, June 10. Your Coach will contact you with information – **we still need coaches for a number of teams!** Each player/family must complete the Two-Step Sign-Off to be eligible to participate. If you prefer to not sign-off on the Acknowledgement of Protocols and the Liability Waiver, FCBC understands and will refund your registration fee and remove your player from his/her roster.

A few key points from the State Guidelines published on June 4:

- Allows for 25 players, *excluding* coaches and umpires. That means game play is authorized.
- Allows for spectators (parents/family) if distancing is honored: "...members from different households maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from each other."
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet from other households during drop-off / pick-up of players.
- No sharing of snacks or water/drinks.
- Masks are not required for players and coaches but are *encouraged* in dugouts, by coaches, and by spectators. Any player or coach is, of course, welcome to wear a mask. **FCBC is asking Intermediate players and coaches and Recreational players and coaches to wear masks in the dugout.**

[Click Here](#) for the State of Colorado's *Guidance for Personal Recreation*. See the section titled "Organized Recreational Sports."

We are awaiting an announcement from City of Fort Collins regarding field reservations and field availability. We believe the City will be opening up the field reservation process within the next few business days.

- **Intermediate Baseball:** We will aim for a June 22 start for games. With a June 22 start, teams can complete their full season by/before mid-August. Some weekend play will be included during the season.
- **Recreational Baseball:** We will aim for a June 29 start for games. With a June 29 start, we can finish a full season by early/mid-August. Some weekend play might be added during the season.

Protocols and Guidance are subject to change at any time – in either direction (more strict or less strict).

It is imperative that we all follow the protocols and guidelines to enable all teams to continue to practice and play. A few people or teams who choose to ignore or disregard the protocols could negatively impact the entire baseball community and cause reversals of the approvals.

Before a participant will be allowed to practice or play with their FCBC team, each participant/family and each coach must complete a two-step sign-off process that includes an *Acknowledgement of Protocols* and a *Liability Waiver*.

Families of Recreational players – watch for an email with a link to the Two-Step Sign-Off (the process has already started for other levels of play). You should receive this link by the evening of Saturday, June 6. For Recreational, you need to complete the online sign-off before June 10.

Thanks to our large community of FCBC Families for your support, patience, kindness, and positivity over the past few months. Thanks also to our FCBC Staff, Board of Directors, and partners for their efforts to help us return safely to baseball.

The FCBC Office will re-open on Tuesday, June 9. We will return to normal office hours: 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Tuesday - Friday.

Here's to good health and kind treatment of all.

In baseball, there is safe and there is out ... let's get out, safely.



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