



## British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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### **BC Minor Baseball Association COVID-19 Return to Play -Member Association Package-**

With the recent directive to return to play we understand that there is a significant amount of work to be done in a short time.

We have assembled a number of documents and tools to assist in putting together the required plans and procedures for a safe return to the ball field.

All relevant documents and resources can be found on the BC Minor Baseball website under RESOURCES

<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmba-covid-19-resources>

In addition to that, we have included some key documents in this package that will focus on the most critical elements of getting back to the game.

As some of the documents are of significant size, we have provided the link to them on our website instead of including them in this package.

#### **Key Links**

Baseball BC RTP Guidelines (1A): [https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/88c2-2181029/Baseball BC RTP Guidelines - FINAL.pdf#\\_ga=2.147863607.1054197163.1591688525-956088158.1584728934](https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/88c2-2181029/Baseball_BC_RTP_Guidelines_-_FINAL.pdf#_ga=2.147863607.1054197163.1591688525-956088158.1584728934)

viaSport BC RTS Guidelines (1B): [https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/e28c-2181143/ReturntoSportGuidelines.pdf#\\_ga=2.147741751.1054197163.1591688525-956088158.1584728934](https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/e28c-2181143/ReturntoSportGuidelines.pdf#_ga=2.147741751.1054197163.1591688525-956088158.1584728934)

BC Minor Baseball COVID-19 Resources Page: <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmba-covid-19-resources>

#### **Documents Included**

BCMBA RTP Directive Letter

BCMBA COVID-19 Safety Plan (2) (Fillable PDF)

BCMBA COVID-19 Member Communication (3) (Fillable PDF)

BCMBA COVID-19 Declaration of Compliance (4) (Fillable PDF)

BCMBA Youth Participant Waiver (5) (Fillable PDF)

BCMBA Adult Participant Waiver (6) (Fillable PDF)

BCMBA General Health and Personal Hygiene Guidelines by Division (7A) (PDF)

BCMBA COVID-19 Illness Policy (7B) (PDF)

BCMBA COVID-19 First Aid and Outbreak Plan (7C) (PDF)

Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Ministerial Order Act M183 (PDF)

## **Important Steps:**

- 1.) Get familiar with Baseball BC RTP Guidelines (1A) and viaSport BC RTS Guidelines (1B). The two documents work in conjunction and are your core compliance documents.
- 2.) Utilize the viaSport COVID-19 Safety Plan (2) to navigate through the official process. This document will likely be what municipalities will be using to evaluate your RTP readiness and compliance.
- 3.) Distribute the COVID-19 Member Communication letter (3) to your Association members. It will introduce your RTP plan.
- 4.) Distribute the BCMBA COVID-19 Declaration of Compliance (4) to your participants (volunteers, staff, and players/families). These are mandatory for EVERY participant. They will not be allowed to participate (or volunteer) without one on record. Once completed and signed, please send to John Braaten (BCMBA Risk Management Chair) [riskmanagement@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:riskmanagement@bcminorbaseball.org)
- 5.) Distribute the BCMBA Youth Participant Waiver (5) to your participants (Volunteers, staff, and players/families). These are mandatory for EVERY participant. They will not be allowed to participate (or volunteer) without one on record. Once completed and signed, please send to John Braaten (BCMBA Risk Management Chair) [riskmanagement@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:riskmanagement@bcminorbaseball.org)
- 6.) Distribute the BCMBA Adult Participant Waiver (6) to your participants (Volunteers, staff, and players/families). These are mandatory for EVERY participant. They will not be allowed to participate (or volunteer) without one on record. Once completed and signed, please send to John Braaten (BCMBA Risk Management Chair) [riskmanagement@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:riskmanagement@bcminorbaseball.org)
- 7.) Reference the BCMBA General Health and Personal Hygiene Guidelines by Division (7A), BCMBA COVID-19 Illness Policy (7B), BCMBA COVID-19 First Aid and Outbreak Plan (7C). These documents will advise you on the procedures to be followed during Phase 2 and if there is an instance of COVID-19 at an event.
- 8.) Continue to monitor Baseball BC, viaSport, Provincial Health Officer, and BC Minor Baseball communications for updates and changes impacting your members.

We know that this is a significant task and that the effort to return to play will add to the workload of our BCMBA members. We are committed to supporting our Presidents and their membership by continuing to source out and provide information and resources facilitating the transition. Should you have any questions specific to your division or regarding programming under BC Minor Baseball please reach out to the appropriate contact. A list of BCMBA Directors and their roles can be found here.

<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/baseball-executives>

Thank you,

BCMBA Board of Directors



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June 8, 2020

### **Attention: All BCMBA Member Associations - Return to Play Guidelines**

This afternoon Baseball BC published their Return to Play Guidelines which have been developed in consultation with ViaSport and as noted in the introduction ViaSport does not provide approval for individual sport guidelines and that individual sport organizations need to develop their own written RTP plan(s) which must be approved by their own board of directors and then either posted on the wall of a facility or on their website. All prior to Returning to Play.

These are the documents that BCMBA is adopting and that every BCMBA Member Association that wishes to offer baseball this year must use in developing their own RTP guidelines.

Baseball BC Return to Play Guidelines dated June 6, 2020. ("RTP")

<https://www.baseball.bc.ca/uploads/files/news/Baseball%20BC%20RTP%20Guidelines%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

ViaSport's Return to Sport Guidelines for B.C. dated May 28, 2020.

<https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/ReturntoSportGuidelines.pdf>

Please note in the ViaSport introduction on page 3.

"Prior to restarting, every organization must have an explicit plan for the measures they will implement and maintain over the coming 12 to 18 months."

While these documents outline the requirements and expectations involved in returning to baseball in a COVID-19 world Member Associations are not required to operate in person baseball activities until they feel that it is safe and appropriate to do so.

This includes us, BCMBA as we too are hopeful in hosting some of our traditional events (like the 13U AA John Main Tournament) in the Fall or some single season Provincial Championships, regional or otherwise, again, hopefully. But to do that we need to and will be creating our own RTP guidelines. (Underway while I write this)

So, in an effort then to assist our Member Associations, and to not reinvent the wheel, BCMBA will be making RTP guidelines in written and template forms available for your use if you so choose. Again, all plans must be approved by your own Board of Directors, not BCMBA.

Continuing then, you will find that there are several steps that need to be followed prior to Returning to Play, they are detailed in the Baseball BC RTP Guidelines starting on page 2, see



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Administrative Steps and specifically the Policy Section. These are some of the written and templates documents that will be made available.

While your plans are being readied you will undoubtedly be starting up registration and confirming field availability from your respective community/Municipality and/or City authorities who will undoubtedly require your RTP Plan and guidelines so time is of the essence.

In addition to all of the above and while BCMBA has secured insurance for the 2020 season, (pandemics are now excluded) all member Associations need to register their Coaches and Players to have coverage through the usual registration process with BCMBA.

Your BCMBA Board of Directors is also working on a Article XX motion that will allow for variances to the existing Rule Book to allow play this season.

Recent announcements have certainly raised baseball hopes for the remainder of the year but your attention to these RTP Plans and Guidelines should be your utmost priority. So while you're reading up on the details from Baseball BC and ViaSport, BCMBA will be doing the same and look to provide the written documents and templates as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please read the documents once more and if you still need help call me at 250-510-9886.

Grant Butler, President  
British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

Ps: We are new at this too, so expect changes and revisions as we move along.



Adapted from viaSport COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE

## COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

All organizations must develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

This tool can be used to guide you through the planning process. Currently, there is no standard document for your COVID-19 Safety Plan – you may use this document, or another document that meets your needs, to develop your plan. Other organizations have also developed templates to support Safety Plan development. For example, WorkSafe BC has developed a comprehensive tool all businesses can adapt. This COVID-19 Safety Plan template is adapted from WorkSafe BC to align with the sport sector. viaSport will not be approving the plans of individual sport organizations, but in accordance with the order of the Provincial Health Officer, this plan must be posted by your organization.

### **Step 1: Assess the risks at your venues**

Identify areas where there may be risks, either through close physical proximity or through contaminated surfaces. The closer together individuals are and the longer they are close to each other, the greater the risk.

We have identified areas where people gather

We have identified situations and processes where individuals are close to one another or members of the public.

We have identified the equipment that may be shared by individuals

We have identified surfaces that people touch often

### **Step 2: Implement protocols to reduce the risks**

Select and implement protocols to minimize the risks of transmission. Look to the following for information, input, and guidance:

viaSport sector guidelines and your sport-specific guidelines.

You may need to identify and implement additional protocols if the posted protocols don't address all the risks to your workers.

Orders, guidance, and notices issued by the provincial health officer and relevant to your industry. Updates will also be posted at [www.viasport.ca](http://www.viasport.ca)

Municipality or venue guidelines

#### **First level protection (elimination): Limit the number of people and ensure physical distance whenever possible**

We have established maximum program numbers for our program that meets venue requirements

We have established and posted occupancy limits for common areas such as meeting rooms, locker rooms, washrooms, and dugouts (if applicable).

We have implemented measures to keep participants and others at least 2 metres apart, wherever possible

**Measures in place**

List your control measures for maintaining physical distance in your environment. If this information is in another document, identify that document here.

**Second level protection (engineering): Barriers and partitions**

**This section may only apply to facility owners and operators**

We have installed barriers where volunteers/workers can't keep physically distant from co-workers, customers, or others.

**Measures in place**

Describe how barriers or partitions will be used in your environment (if appropriate). If this information is in another document, identify that document here.

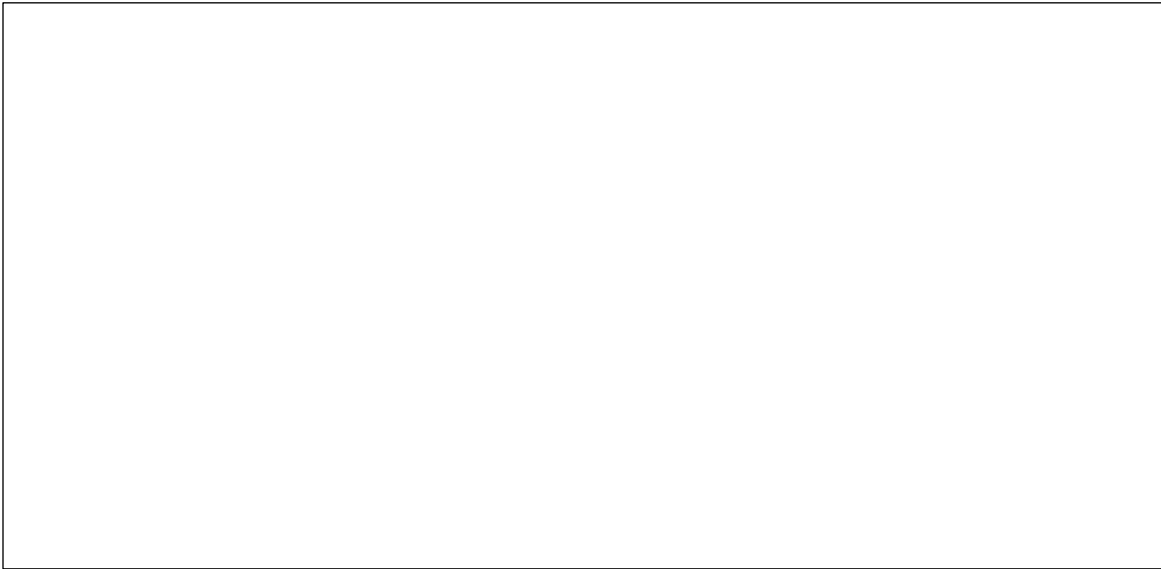
**Third level protection (administrative): Rules and guidelines**

We have identified rules and guidelines for how participants, coaches, volunteers, spectators should conduct themselves.

We have clearly communicated these rules and guidelines through a combination of training and signage.

**Measures in place**

List the rules and guidelines that everyone is required to follow. This could include things like using one-way doors or walkways, no sharing of equipment, and wiping down equipment after use. If this information is in another document, identify that document here.



**Fourth level protection: Using masks (optional measure in addition to other control measures)**

We have reviewed the information on selecting and using masks and instructions on how to use a mask. (if applicable)

We understand the limitations of masks to protect the wearer from respiratory droplets. We understand that masks should only be considered when other control measures cannot be implemented.

We have trained individuals on the proper use of masks (if applicable).

**Measures in place**

Who will use masks?

What work tasks will require the use of masks?

How have workers been informed of the correct use of masks?

If this information is in another document, identify that document here.

**Reduce the risk of surface transmission through effective cleaning and hygiene practices**

We have reviewed the information on cleaning and disinfecting surfaces.

Our sport facility has enough handwashing stations on site for our participants. Handwashing locations are visible and easily accessed.

We have communicated good hygiene practices to participants, coaches, volunteers, etc.

We have implemented cleaning protocols for all common areas and surfaces.

Volunteers/Workers who are cleaning have adequate training and materials.

We have removed unnecessary tools and equipment to simplify the cleaning process

**Cleaning protocols**

Provide information about your cleaning plan. Specify who is responsible for cleaning, the cleaning schedule, and what the cleaning protocols will include (e.g., which surfaces, tools, equipment, etc.). If this information is in another document, identify that document here.



### **Step 3: Develop policies**

Develop the necessary policies to manage your sport.

Our policies ensure that participants and others showing symptoms of COVID-19 are prohibited from participating in sport activities

Anyone who has had symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days. Symptoms include fever, chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and new muscle aches or headache.

Anyone directed by Public Health to self-isolate.

Anyone who has arrived from outside of Canada or who has had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case must self-isolate for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.

Our policy addresses individuals who may start to feel while participating. It includes the following:

Sick individuals should report to first aid (or designated individual), even with mild symptoms.

Sick workers should be asked to wash or sanitize their hands, provided with a mask, and isolated. Ask the worker to go straight home. [Consult the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool, or call 811 for further guidance related to testing and self-isolation.]

If the individual is severely ill (e.g., difficulty breathing, chest pain), call 911. Clean and disinfect any surfaces that the ill individual has come into contact with.

### **Step 4: Develop communication plans and training**

You must ensure that everyone participating in the sport activity knows how to keep themselves safe while participating:

We have a communication and training plan to ensure everyone is trained in policies and procedures.

All participants have received the policies for staying home when sick.

We have posted signage at the sport location, including occupancy limits and effective hygiene practices.

We have posted signage indicating who is restricted from participating, including Participants, family members, and volunteers/workers with symptoms.

Coaches or safety volunteers have been trained on monitoring participants to ensure policies and procedures are being followed.

### **Step 5: Monitor and update your plans as necessary**

Things may change as your season plays out. If you identify a new area of concern, or if it seems like something isn't working, take steps to update your policies and procedures.

We have a plan in place to monitor risks.

We make changes to our policies and procedures as necessary.

Individuals know who to go to with health and safety concerns.

When resolving safety issues, we will involve designated health and safety representatives

**Step 6: Assess and address risks from resuming operations**

If your association has not been operating for a period of time during the COVID-19 pandemic, you may need to manage risks arising from restarting your programming.

We have a training plan for new staff, coaches, volunteers.

We have a training plan for staff, coaches, volunteers taking on new roles or responsibilities.

We have a training plan around changes to our programming.

We have identified a safe process for cleaning and removing things that have been out of use.

**Be advised that personal information must not be included in the COVID-19 Safety Plan**

Personal information is any recorded information that uniquely identifies a person, such as name, address, telephone number, age, sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, finger prints, or blood type. It includes information about a person's healthcare, educational, financial, criminal or employment history. Visit [www.oipc.bc.ca/about/legislation/](http://www.oipc.bc.ca/about/legislation/) for more information



Adapted from viaSport MEMBER COMMUNICATION  
**MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

**Re: Return to our sport with respect to COVID-19**

Dear

As British Columbia public health authorities develop guidelines to lift some restrictions on gathering in a responsible way, BC Amateur Baseball Association (Baseball BC) has been working with viaSport and the Province of British Columbia to understand the recommendations our Chief Provincial Health Officer and how they best apply within sport.

The attached Return to Sport Plan has been developed for our sport in order to ensure:

- health and safety of all individuals is a priority
- activities are in alignment with provincial health recommendations
- modifications to activities are in place in order to reduce the risks to each sport organization and its participants
- our sport is united and aligned on a plan to reopen throughout the province

While we do hope things will return to normal in the not too distant future, currently this Return to Sport Plan will be the new normal until we are advised otherwise by public health authorities.

**If you choose to participate, you must follow these rules:**

- If you don't feel well or are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, you must stay home.
- If you have traveled outside of Canada, you are not permitted at the facility until you have self-isolated for a minimum of 14 days.
- If you live in a household with someone who has COVID-19 or is showing symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home.
- Wash your hands before participating
- Bring your own equipment, water bottle and hand sanitizer
- Comply with physical distancing measures at all time
- Avoid physical contact with others, including shaking hands, high fives, etc.
- Leave the field of play as quickly as possible after you finish

Our Return to Sport Plan is based on current public health guidance. While we are all doing our best to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19, while the virus circulates in our communities it is impossible to completely eliminate the risk. Each participant must make their own decision as to whether it is in their best interest to resume participation at this time. You must take into account your own circumstances and make the decision that is right for you. Should you choose to join us, we require your full cooperation with our Return to Sport Plan.

Sincerely,



## DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE – COVID-19

### WARNING!

#### **ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING THE FACILITY MUST COMPLY WITH THIS DECLARATION**

The B. C. Amateur Baseball Association o/a Baseball BC and its affiliated member Leagues, Clubs, and Associations (the “Organization”), require the disclosure of exposure or illness in order to safeguard the health and safety of all participants and limit the further outbreak of COVID-19. This Declaration of Compliance will be kept safely, and personal information will not be disclosed unless as required by law or with your consent.

An individual (or the individual’s parent/guardian, if the individual is younger than 19 years old) who is unable to agree to the terms outlined in this document is not permitted to enter the Organization’s facilities or participate in the Organization’s activities, programs, or services.

I, being the individual named below, and the individual’s parent/guardian (if the individual is younger than 19 years old), (the “Individual”) hereby acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this document:

1. The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and requires all individuals (or their parent/guardian, when applicable) to adhere to the compliance standards described in this document.
2. The Individual has not been diagnosed with COVID-19. **OR** If the Individual was diagnosed with COVID-19, the Individual was cleared as noncontagious by provincial or local public health authorities.
3. The Individual has not been exposed to a person with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. **OR** If the Individual was exposed to a person with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, the date of exposure was more than 14 days prior to the date this Declaration of Compliance was signed.
4. The Individual is attending or participating voluntarily and understands the risks associated with COVID-19. The Individual (or the Individual’s parent/guardian, on behalf of the Individual (when applicable)) agrees to assume those risks, including but not limited to exposure and being infected.
5. The Individual has not, nor has anyone in the Individual’s household, experienced any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days (including fever, new or worsening cough, fatigue, chills and body aches, respiratory illness, difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, pink eye, or loss of taste or smell).
6. If the Individual experiences, or if anyone in the Individual’s household experiences, any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 after submitting this Declaration of Compliance, the Individual will immediately isolate, notify the Organization, and not attend any of the Organization’s facilities, activities, programs or services until at least 14 days have passed since those symptoms were last experienced.
7. The Individual has not, nor has any member of the Individual’s household, travelled to or had a lay-over in any country outside Canada in the past 14 days. If the Individual travels, or if anyone in the Individual’s household travels, after submitting this Declaration of Compliance, the Individual will not attend any of the Organization’s facilities, activities, programs or services until at least 14 days have passed since the date of return.
8. The Individual undertakes to ensure compliance with all of the terms in this Declaration on an ongoing basis. If the individual is unable to agree to the terms of this Declaration after signing, the individual will notify the Organization immediately.
9. The Individual is complying with all applicable laws and public health guidance, including but not limited to practicing physical distancing, maintaining separation of six feet from others, adhering to recognized hygiene best practices, and otherwise limiting exposure to COVID-19.
10. The Individual will follow the safety, physical distancing, and hygiene protocols of the Organization.
11. This Declaration of Compliance will remain in effect until the Organization, per the direction of the provincial government and provincial and local public health authorities, determines that the acknowledgements in this Declaration of Compliance are no longer required.
12. The Organization may remove the Individual from the facility or from participation in the activities, programs or services of the Organization at any time and for any reason if the Organization believes, in its sole discretion, that the Individual is no longer in compliance with any of the standards or terms described in this document.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual (If 13 and over)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

(To be executed by Participants under the age of majority and signed by a parent or guardian)

**WARNING! By signing this document, you will waive certain rights, risks, and responsibilities. Please read carefully.**

**Participant's Name (Print Clearly):** \_\_\_\_\_

1. This is a binding legal agreement. Clarify any questions or concerns before signing. The undersigned are **the Participant and Participant's Parent/Guardian (collectively the "Parties") and hereby acknowledge** and agree to the following terms outlined in this agreement.
2. As a Participant in activities, programs, classes, services provided and events sponsored or organized by The B. C. Amateur Baseball Association o/a Baseball BC and its affiliated member Leagues, Clubs, and Associations (the "**Organization**"), including but not limited to: games, tournaments, practices, training, personal training, instructional sessions or lessons, conditioning programs, dry land training, use of strength training and fitness conditioning equipment, machines and facilities, nutritional and dietary programs, orientational or instructional sessions or lessons, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning programs (**collectively the "Activities"**), **the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to** the following terms outlined in this agreement:
3. I am the Parent/Guardian of the Participant and have full legal responsibility for the decisions of the Participant.

### Disclaimer

4. The Organization, their respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, spectators, independent contractors, subcontractors, sponsors, successors and assigns, and representatives are not responsible for any injury, property damage, expense, loss of income, damage or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, the Activities, caused in any manner whatsoever including, but not limited to, the negligence of the Organization.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1-4.

### Description of Risks

5. The Parties understand and acknowledge that:
  - The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life;
  - The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of the **Participant's fitness or abilities**, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, and the equipment being used might malfunction; and
  - The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Organization cannot guarantee that the Participant will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Activities could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.
6. The Participant is participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of that participation, the Parties hereby acknowledge that they are aware of the risks, dangers and hazards and may be exposed to such risks, dangers, and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:
  - Health: executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques, physical exertion, overexertion, stretching, dehydration, fatigue, cardiovascular workouts, rapid movements and stops, lack of fitness or conditioning, traumatic injury, bacterial infections, rashes, and the transmission of communicable diseases, including viruses of all kinds, COVID-19, bacteria, parasites or other organisms or any mutation thereof.
  - Premises: defective, dangerous, or unsafe condition of the facilities; falls; collisions with objects, walls, equipment, or persons; dangerous, unsafe, or irregular conditions on turf/grass or other surfaces, extreme weather conditions; travel to and from premises.
  - Use of Equipment: mechanical failure of the equipment; negligent design or manufacture of the equipment; the provision of or the failure by the Organization to provide any warnings, directions, instructions or guidance as to the use of the equipment; failure to use or operate the equipment properly and/or within my own ability.
  - Contact: contact with any and all sporting equipment, baseballs, bats, benches, stands, poles, fences or other persons, whether intentional or unintentional, is a common part of baseball programs, and may lead to serious bodily injury, including but not limited to concussions and/or other brain injury, including but not limited to closed head injury or blunt head trauma or serious spinal injury which may render the participant permanently paralyzed.
  - Serious injury to virtually any and / or all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the participants body or to the participants general health and wellbeing.
  - Abrasions, sprains, strains, fractures, or dislocations.
  - Grass, turf, and other surfaces including bacterial infections and rashes.
  - Advice: negligent advice regarding baseball programs.
  - Ability: Failing to act safely within my own capability and/or within designated areas.
  - Sport: the use of field/turf and its inherent risks.
  - Conduct: My conduct and the conduct of other persons including any physical altercation between field participants and/or spectators.

- Travel: Travel to and from the Activities
- Negligence: My negligence and negligence of other persons, including NEGLIGENCE ON the PART OF THE ORGANIZATION, may increase the risk of damage, loss, personal injury, or death. I understand that the Organization may fail to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers, and hazards of turf/field programs, some of which are referred to above.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 5-6.

Terms

- In consideration of the Organization allowing the Participant to participate in the Activities, the Parties agree:
  - **That the Participant's mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate in the Activities;**
  - That when the Participant practices or trains **in his or her own space, the Parties are responsible for the Participant's surroundings and the location and equipment** that is selected for the Participant;
  - To comply with the rules and regulations for participation in the Activities;
  - To comply with the rules of the facility or equipment;
  - To comply at all times with all applicable Government Orders, Statutes, Acts, Regulations and Guidelines, including but not limited to those pertaining to COVID-19;
  - That if the Participant observes an unusual significant hazard or risk, the Participant will remove themselves from participation and bring such to the attention of an Organization representative immediately;
  - The risks associated with the Activities are increased when the Participant is impaired and the Participant agrees not to participate if impaired in any way;
  - That it is their sole responsibility to assess whether any Activities are too difficult for the Participant. By the Participant commencing an Activity, they acknowledge and accept the suitability and conditions of the Activity;
  - **That they are responsible for the choice of the Participant's protective equipment and the secure fitting of the protective equipment;**
  - That COVID-19 is contagious in nature and the Participant may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability or death and voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks.
- In consideration of the Organization allowing the Participant to participate, the Parties agree:
  - That the Parties are not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or their agents, whether in brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to be involved in the Activities; and
  - **That the Organization is not responsible or liable for any damage to the Participant's vehicle, property, or equipment that may occur as a result of the Activities.**

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 7-8.

General

- The Parties agree that notwithstanding the above, in the event that they file a claim against the Organization, they agree to do so solely in the province of British Columbia, Canada and they further agree that the substantive law of British Columbia will apply in the event of conflict of law rules.
- The Parties expressly agree that this Agreement is intended to be as inclusive as is permitted by law and that if any of its provisions are held to be invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgement

- The Parties acknowledge that they have read this agreement and understand it, that they have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this Agreement is to be binding upon themselves, their heirs, their spouses, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Participant (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent or Guardian (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian



## RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

(To be signed by Participants of the age of majority and over)

**WARNING! By signing this document, you will waive certain legal rights. Please read carefully.**

Participant Name (Print Clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

1. This is a binding legal agreement. Clarify any questions or concerns before signing. As a Participant in activities, programs, classes, services provided and events sponsored or organized by The B. C. Amateur Baseball Association o/a Baseball BC and its affiliated member Leagues, **Clubs, and Associations (the "Organization")**, including but not limited to: **games, tournaments, practices, training, personal training**, instructional sessions or lessons, conditioning programs, dry land training, use of strength training and fitness conditioning equipment, machines and facilities, nutritional and dietary programs, orientational or instructional sessions or lessons, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning programs (**collectively the "Activities"**), **the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms outlined in this agreement.**

### Disclaimer

2. The Organization, their respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, spectators, independent contractors, subcontractors, sponsors, successors and assigns, and representatives are not responsible for any injury, property damage, expense, loss of income, damage or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, the Activities, caused in any manner whatsoever including, but not limited to, the negligence of the Organization.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1-2.

### Description of Risks

3. I understand and acknowledge that
  - The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life;
  - The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of my fitness or abilities, may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction; and
  - The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Organization cannot guarantee that the Participant will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Activities could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19.
4. I am participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of my participation, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to the Activities which could result in damage, loss, serious physical injury, or death. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:
  - Health: executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques, physical exertion, overexertion, stretching, dehydration, fatigue, cardiovascular workouts, rapid movements and stops, lack of fitness or conditioning, traumatic injury, bacterial infections, rashes, and the transmission of communicable diseases, including viruses of all kinds, COVID-19, bacteria, parasites or other organisms or any mutation thereof.
  - Premises: defective, dangerous, or unsafe condition of the facilities; falls; collisions with objects, walls, equipment, or persons; dangerous, unsafe, or irregular conditions on turf/grass or other surfaces, extreme weather conditions; travel to and from premises.
  - Use of Equipment: mechanical failure of the equipment; negligent design or manufacture of the equipment; the provision of or the failure by the Organization to provide any warnings, directions, instructions or guidance as to the use of the equipment; failure to use or operate the equipment properly and/or within my own ability.
  - Contact: contact with any and all sporting equipment, baseballs, bats, benches, stands, poles, fences or other persons, whether intentional or unintentional, is a common part of baseball programs, and may lead to serious bodily injury, including but not limited to concussions and/or other brain injury, including but not limited to closed head injury or blunt head trauma or serious spinal injury which may render the participant permanently paralyzed.
  - Serious injury to virtually any and / or all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the participants body or to the participants general health and wellbeing.
  - Abrasions, sprains, strains, fractures, or dislocations.
  - Grass, turf, and other surfaces including bacterial infections and rashes
  - Advice: negligent advice regarding baseball programs
  - Ability: Failing to act safely within my own capability and/or within designated areas
  - Sport: the use of field/turf and its inherent risks.
  - Conduct: My conduct and the conduct of other persons including any physical altercation between field participants and/or spectators
  - Travel: Travel to and from the Activities
  - Negligence: My negligence and negligence of other persons, including NEGLIGENCE ON the PART OF THE ORGANIZATION, may increase the risk of damage, loss, personal injury or death. I understand that the Organization may fail to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers, and hazards of ice and/or turf/field programs, some of which are referred to above.

## Terms

5. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate in the Activities, I agree:
- That my mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate in the Activities and I assume all risks related to my mental or physical condition.
  - That when I play, practice or train I am responsible for my surroundings
  - To comply with the rules and regulations for participation in the Activities.
  - To comply with the rules of the facility or equipment.
  - To comply at all times with all applicable Government Orders, Statutes, Acts, Regulations and Guidelines, including but not limited to those pertaining to COVID-19.
  - That if I observe an unusual significant hazard or risk, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the Organization representative immediately.
  - The risks associated with the Activities are increased when I am impaired, and I agree not to participate if impaired in any way.
  - That it is my sole responsibility to assess whether any Activities are too difficult for me. By commencing an Activity, I acknowledge and accept the suitability and conditions of the Activity.
  - That I am responsible for my choice of protective equipment and the secure fitting of that equipment.
  - That COVID-19 is contagious in nature and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death and voluntarily agree to assume all the foregoing risks.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3-5.

## Release of Liability and Disclaimer

6. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate in the Activities, use its equipment and facilities, I agree:
- That the sole responsibility for my safety remains with me;
  - To ASSUME all risks arising out of, associated with or related to my participation;
  - That I am not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or its agents, whether in a brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to be involved in the Activities;
  - To WAIVE any and all claims that I may have now or in the future against the Organization;
  - To freely ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME all such risks and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in the activities, events and programs of the Organization;
  - To FOREVER RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, damages (including direct, indirect, special and/or consequential), losses, actions, judgments, and costs (including legal fees) (collectively, the **"Claims"**) which I have or may have in the future, that might arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in the Activities, even though such Claims may have been caused by any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to, the negligence, gross negligence, negligent rescue, omissions, carelessness, breach of warranty, breach of contract and/or breach of any statutory duty of care of the Organization;
  - TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY the Organization from any and all liability for any damage, loss, expense or injury to any third party resulting from my participation in the Activities.
  - To FOREVER RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY the Organization relating to becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 which may result from the actions, omission or negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to the Organization;
  - That the Organization is not responsible or liable for any damage to my vehicle, property, or equipment that may occur as a result of the Activities;
  - That negligence includes failure on the part of the Organization to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Activities; and
  - This release, waiver and indemnity is intended to be as inclusive as is permitted by law of the Province of British Columbia and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

## Jurisdiction

7. Notwithstanding the above, I agree that in the event that I file a claim against the Organization, I agree to do so solely in the province of British Columbia, Canada and further agree that the substantive law of British Columbia will apply in the event of conflict of law rules. I further agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining document shall remain in full force and effect.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 6-7.

## Acknowledgement

8. I acknowledge that I have read and understand this agreement, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, spouse, children, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives. I further acknowledge by signing this agreement I have waived my right to commence or maintain any action against the Organization on the basis of any claims from which I have released herein.

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Signature of Participant

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Date





## **BASEBALL BC GENERAL HEALTH AND PERSONAL HYGIENE GUIDELINES**

*As adopted by BC Minor Baseball*

***Please note that all of the below Personal Health and Hygiene Guidelines are intended to be required for anyone involved in youth or amateur baseball which includes, but is not limited to; athletes, coaches, umpires, administrators, volunteers and spectators.***

- Anyone displaying ANY illness symptoms **MUST NOT** attend.
- Disinfectant wipe down of all surfaces athletes can be exposed before every event.
- Reminder to all participants daily to avoid touching of eyes, nose or mouth
- No sharing of water bottles.
- No sharing of food of any kind.
- No spitting.
- No chewing gum or sunflower seeds.
- No sharing of any personal equipment or items
- Ride sharing to be discouraged whenever possible.
- All participants encouraged to disinfect their equipment after each event.
- All participants encouraged to wash all clothing and selves after each event.

***NOTE: BC Minor Baseball Phase 2 “Return to Play” guidelines begin page 3.***

***Phase 2 in the viaSport Guidelines is referred to as “Transition Measures – Approx. May to September.” for all sports. This phase applies to Baseball and informs the baseball specific measures in the “Baseball BC Phase 2 – Return to Play”. Important to note about this viaSport Phase 2 is the following (viaSport Phase 1 was a shutdown of all sports):***

- *2m physical distance required between participants*
- *No non-essential travel*
- *No groups of more than 50 people*
- *Increased hand hygiene*
- *Symptom screening in place*
- *Preferred outdoor activity only*
- *Train in smaller groups*
- *No or limited spectators*
- *No contact-type activities*
- *In-club play only (no travel and no games between clubs)*
- *Minimal shared equipment – if shared need to disinfect before, during, and after*  
See the viaSport Guidelines for all the requirements of this phase.  
<https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/ReturntoSportGuidelines.pdf>

## **BASEBALL BC Phase 3 Guidelines and Recommendations (Date TBA)**

- **Game play permitted.**
- Maximum of 1 parent per athlete at an event.
- Verbal symptom screening must be performed at every session to ensure all participants are symptom free.
- All government expectations and requirements to be met as outlined above.
- All Baseball BC Personal Health and Hygiene Recommended Guidelines to be reviewed and enforced as outlined above.
- Every event to include reminders to participants regarding physical distancing requirements and include no spitting, no face touching, no contact between the athletes.
- Attendance must be taken and kept at every event for all people in attendance including parents (drivers). These records must be kept for 30 days before being destroyed.
- No team huddles before, during or after the game for coaching or teaching purposes unless physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No dugout use permitted. Athletes must be set up outside of the dugout with physical distancing requirements adhered to.
- No shared use of personal equipment.
- No plate meetings pre-game for lineup exchanges unless physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No mound visits by catcher or coach unless physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No postgame handshakes.
- A new or disinfected baseball should be entered into the game for every ball put in play.
- Any team issue bats should be sanitized prior to every event and between every use by different athletes.
- All players to sanitize their hands when returning to the dugout from the field, after each at bat and as required.
- All scorekeeping, announcing and scoreboards operation to be performed outside and not in buildings or booths with social distancing requirements in mind.
- Umpires to work from behind the mound at an appropriate distance from others.
- Regional or Community based programming only. Limited travel. No overnight trips.
- No tournaments permitted.
- All field prep equipment to be disinfected and cleaned after every use.

***The recommendations and guidelines in this phase are subject to change.***

## **BASEBALL BC PHASE 4 (DATE TBA)**

Traditional programming, including league play and championships can resume.

Some restrictions may be required.

## Baseball Phase 2 - 5U "Return to Play" Guidelines and Recommendations (June 7th to TBA)

- **Small group training and development sessions permitted.**
- Maximum of 10 athletes at an event. Maximum of 2 coaches at an event. Maximum of 1 parent per athlete at an event.
- Verbal symptom screening must be performed at every session to ensure all participants are symptom free.
- All government expectations and requirements to be met, including viaSport Phase 2 guidelines (see below):
- All Baseball BC Personal Health and Hygiene Recommended Guidelines to be reviewed and enforced as outlined above.
- 2m physical distance required between participants
- Every event to include reminders to participants regarding 2m physical distancing and include no spitting, no face touching, no contact between the athletes.
- Attendance must be taken and kept at every event for all people in attendance including parents (drivers). These records must be kept for 30 days before being destroyed.
- No team huddles before, during or after the practice for coaching or teaching purposes unless 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- All drills to be created and implemented ensuring 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No dugout use permitted. Athletes must be set up outside of the dugout with 2m physical distancing requirements adhered to.
- No shared use of personal equipment.
- Baseballs should be sanitized prior to every event and every effort given to limit the number of athletes using one ball in a practice environment.
- Any team issue bats should be sanitized prior to every event and between every use by different athletes. No other team equipment should be shared.
- No indoor events (practice, cage) permitted.
- No changing or dressing rooms permitted.
- All field prep equipment to be disinfected and cleaned after every use.

## Baseball Phase 2 - 7U "Return to Play" Guidelines and Recommendations (June 7th to TBA)

- **Small group training and development sessions permitted.**
- Maximum of 10 athletes at an event. Maximum of 2 coaches at an event. Maximum of 1 parent per athlete at an event.
- Verbal symptom screening must be performed at every session to ensure all participants are symptom free.
- All government expectations and requirements to be met, including viaSport Phase 2 guidelines (see below):
- All Baseball BC Personal Health and Hygiene Recommended Guidelines to be reviewed and enforced as outlined above.
- 2m physical distance required between participants
- Every event to include reminders to participants regarding 2m physical distancing and include no spitting, no face touching, no contact between the athletes.
- Attendance must be taken and kept at every event for all people in attendance including parents (drivers). These records must be kept for 30 days before being destroyed.
- No team huddles before, during or after the practice for coaching or teaching purposes unless 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- All drills to be created and implemented ensuring 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No dugout use permitted. Athletes must be set up outside of the dugout with 2m physical distancing requirements adhered to.
- No shared use of personal equipment.
- Baseballs should be sanitized prior to every event and every effort given to limit the number of athletes using one ball in a practice environment.
- Any team issue bats should be sanitized prior to every event and between every use by different athletes. No other team equipment should be shared.
- No indoor events (practice, cage) permitted.
- No changing or dressing rooms permitted.
- All field prep equipment to be disinfected and cleaned after every use.

## Baseball Phase 2 - 9U "Return to Play" Guidelines and Recommendations (June 7th to TBA)

- **Small group training and development sessions permitted.**
- Maximum of 10 athletes at an event. Maximum of 2 coaches at an event. Maximum of 1 parent per athlete at an event.
- Verbal symptom screening must be performed at every session to ensure all participants are symptom free.
- All government expectations and requirements to be met, including viaSport Phase 2 guidelines (see below):
- All Baseball BC Personal Health and Hygiene Recommended Guidelines to be reviewed and enforced as outlined above.
- 2m physical distance required between participants
- Every event to include reminders to participants regarding 2m physical distancing and include no spitting, no face touching, no contact between the athletes.
- Attendance must be taken and kept at every event for all people in attendance including parents (drivers). These records must be kept for 30 days before being destroyed.
- No team huddles before, during or after the practice for coaching or teaching purposes unless 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- All drills to be created and implemented ensuring 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No dugout use permitted. Athletes must be set up outside of the dugout with 2m physical distancing requirements adhered to.
- No shared use of personal equipment.
- Baseballs should be sanitized prior to every event and every effort given to limit the number of athletes using one ball in a practice environment.
- Any team issue bats should be sanitized prior to every event and between every use by different athletes. No other team equipment should be shared.
- No indoor events (practice, cage) permitted.
- No changing or dressing rooms permitted.
- All field prep equipment to be disinfected and cleaned after every use.

## Baseball Phase 2 - 11U "Return to Play" Guidelines and Recommendations (June 7th to TBA)

- **Small group training and development sessions permitted.**
- Maximum of 10 athletes at an event. Maximum of 2 coaches at an event. Maximum of 1 parent per athlete at an event.
- Verbal symptom screening must be performed at every session to ensure all participants are symptom free.
- All government expectations and requirements to be met, including viaSport Phase 2 guidelines (see below):
- All Baseball BC Personal Health and Hygiene Recommended Guidelines to be reviewed and enforced as outlined above.
- 2m physical distance required between participants
- Every event to include reminders to participants regarding 2m physical distancing and include no spitting, no face touching, no contact between the athletes.
- Attendance must be taken and kept at every event for all people in attendance including parents (drivers). These records must be kept for 30 days before being destroyed.
- No team huddles before, during or after the practice for coaching or teaching purposes unless 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- All drills to be created and implemented ensuring 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No dugout use permitted. Athletes must be set up outside of the dugout with 2m physical distancing requirements adhered to.
- No shared use of personal equipment.
- Baseballs should be sanitized prior to every event and every effort given to limit the number of athletes using one ball in a practice environment.
- Any team issue bats should be sanitized prior to every event and between every use by different athletes. No other team equipment should be shared.
- No indoor events (practice, cage) permitted.
- No changing or dressing rooms permitted.
- All field prep equipment to be disinfected and cleaned after every use.

## Baseball Phase 2 - 13U "Return to Play" Guidelines and Recommendations (June 7th to TBA)

- **Small group training and development sessions permitted.**
- Maximum of 10 athletes at an event. Maximum of 2 coaches at an event. Maximum of 1 parent per athlete at an event.
- Verbal symptom screening must be performed at every session to ensure all participants are symptom free.
- All government expectations and requirements to be met, including viaSport Phase 2 guidelines (see below):
- All Baseball BC Personal Health and Hygiene Recommended Guidelines to be reviewed and enforced as outlined above.
- 2m physical distance required between participants
- Every event to include reminders to participants regarding 2m physical distancing and include no spitting, no face touching, no contact between the athletes.
- Attendance must be taken and kept at every event for all people in attendance including parents (drivers). These records must be kept for 30 days before being destroyed.
- No team huddles before, during or after the practice for coaching or teaching purposes unless 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- All drills to be created and implemented ensuring 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No dugout use permitted. Athletes must be set up outside of the dugout with 2m physical distancing requirements adhered to.
- No shared use of personal equipment.
- Baseballs should be sanitized prior to every event and every effort given to limit the number of athletes using one ball in a practice environment.
- Any team issue bats should be sanitized prior to every event and between every use by different athletes. No other team equipment should be shared.
- No indoor events (practice, cage) permitted.
- No changing or dressing rooms permitted.
- All field prep equipment to be disinfected and cleaned after every use.

## Baseball Phase 2 - 15U "Return to Play" Guidelines and Recommendations (June 7th to TBA)

- **Small group training and development sessions permitted.**
- Maximum of 10 athletes at an event. Maximum of 2 coaches at an event. Maximum of 1 parent per athlete at an event.
- Verbal symptom screening must be performed at every session to ensure all participants are symptom free.
- All government expectations and requirements to be met, including viaSport Phase 2 guidelines (see below):
- All Baseball BC Personal Health and Hygiene Recommended Guidelines to be reviewed and enforced as outlined above.
- 2m physical distance required between participants
- Every event to include reminders to participants regarding 2m physical distancing and include no spitting, no face touching, no contact between the athletes.
- Attendance must be taken and kept at every event for all people in attendance including parents (drivers). These records must be kept for 30 days before being destroyed.
- No team huddles before, during or after the practice for coaching or teaching purposes unless 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- All drills to be created and implemented ensuring 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No dugout use permitted. Athletes must be set up outside of the dugout with 2m physical distancing requirements adhered to.
- No shared use of personal equipment.
- Baseballs should be sanitized prior to every event and every effort given to limit the number of athletes using one ball in a practice environment.
- Any team issue bats should be sanitized prior to every event and between every use by different athletes. No other team equipment should be shared.
- No indoor events (practice, cage) permitted.
- No changing or dressing rooms permitted.
- All field prep equipment to be disinfected and cleaned after every use.



## Baseball Phase 2 - 18U "Return to Play" Guidelines and Recommendations (June 7th to TBA)

- **Small group training and development sessions permitted.**
- Maximum of 10 athletes at an event. Maximum of 2 coaches at an event. Maximum of 1 parent per athlete at an event.
- Verbal symptom screening must be performed at every session to ensure all participants are symptom free.
- All government expectations and requirements to be met, including viaSport Phase 2 guidelines (see below):
- All Baseball BC Personal Health and Hygiene Recommended Guidelines to be reviewed and enforced as outlined above.
- 2m physical distance required between participants
- Every event to include reminders to participants regarding 2m physical distancing and include no spitting, no face touching, no contact between the athletes.
- Attendance must be taken and kept at every event for all people in attendance including parents (drivers). These records must be kept for 30 days before being destroyed.
- No team huddles before, during or after the practice for coaching or teaching purposes unless 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- All drills to be created and implemented ensuring 2m physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No dugout use permitted. Athletes must be set up outside of the dugout with 2m physical distancing requirements adhered to.
- No shared use of personal equipment.
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- All field prep equipment to be disinfected and cleaned after every use.



Adapted from viaSport ILLNESS POLICY

## ILLNESS POLICY

In this policy, “Team member” includes an employee, volunteer, participant or parent/spectator.

**1. Inform an individual in a position of authority (coach, team manager, program coordinator) immediately if, you feel any symptoms of COVID-19** such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite.

### **2. Assessment**

- a. Team members must review the self-assessment signage located throughout the facility each morning before their shift/practice/activity to attest that they are not feeling any of the COVID 19 symptoms.
- b. Managers/coaches will visually monitor team members to assess any early warning signs as to the status of their health and to touch base on how they are regarding their personal safety throughout the workday/practice/activity.
- c. If Team Members are unsure please have them use the self-assessment tool <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en> or through the COVID-19 BC Support App self-assessment tool.

### **3. If a Team Member is feeling sick with COVID-19 symptoms**

- a. They should remain at home and contact Health Link BC at 8-1-1.
- b. If they feel sick and /or are showing symptoms while at work, they should be sent home immediately and have them contact 8-1-1 or a doctor for further guidance.
- c. No Team Member may participate in a practice/activity if they are symptomatic.

### **4. If a Team Member tests positive for COVID-19**

- a. The Team Member will not be permitted to return to the workplace/practice/facility until they are free of the COVID-19 virus.
- b. Any Team Members who work/play closely with the infected Team Member will also be removed from the workplace/practice/facility for at least 14 days to ensure the infection does not spread further.
- c. Close off, clean and disinfect their work/practice/facility area immediately and any surfaces that could have potentially be infected/touched.

### **5. If a Team Member has been tested and is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 Test**

- a. As with the confirmed case, the Team Member must be removed from the workplace/practice/facility.
- b. The Public Health Agency of Canada advises that any person who has even mild symptoms to stay home and call the public health authority of B.C.
- c. Other Team Members who may have been exposed will be informed and removed from the workplace/practice/activity for at least 14 days or until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health authorities.
- d. The workspace/practice/activity space will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched.

### **6. If a Team Member has come in to contact with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19**

- a. Team Members must advise their employer/coach if they reasonably believe they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- b. Once the contact is confirmed, the Team Member will be removed from the workplace/practice/activity for at least 14 days or as otherwise directed by public health authorities. Team Members who may have come into close contact with the Team Member will also be removed from the workplace for at least 14 days.
- c. The workspace/activity area will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched.

**7. Quarantine or Self-Isolate if:**

- a. Any Team Member who has travelled outside of Canada or the province within the last 14 days is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate.
- b. Any Team Member with any symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate.
- c. Any Team Member from a household with someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate.
- d. Any Team Member who is in quarantine or self-isolating as a result of contact with an infected person or in families who are self-isolating, is not permitted to enter any part of the facility.



Adapted from viaSport RETURN TO SPORT GUIDELINES

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

### First Aid

In the event that first aid is required to be administered during an activity, all persons attending to the injured individual ***must first put on a mask and gloves.***

Guidelines for First Aid Attendants can be found on the BC Minor Baseball COVID-19 Resources page. <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmba-covid-19-resources>

### Outbreak Plan

Early detection of symptoms will facilitate the immediate implementation of effective control measures. In addition, the early detection and immediate implementation of enhanced cleaning measures are two of the most important factors in limiting the size and length of an outbreak. An “outbreak” is two or more cases; a “case” is a single case of COVID-19.

1. Identify the roles and responsibilities of staff or volunteers if a case or outbreak is reported. Determine who within the organization has the authority to modify, restrict, postpone or cancel activities.
2. If staff (including volunteers) or a participant reports they are suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 and have been at the workplace/activity place, implement enhanced cleaning measures to reduce risk of transmission. If you are not the facility operator, notify the facility right away.
3. Implement your illness policy and advise individuals to:
  - self-isolate
  - monitor their symptoms daily, report respiratory illness and not to return to activity for at least 10 days following the onset of fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite.
  - use the COVID-19 self-assessment tool at BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to help determine if further assessment or testing for COVID-19 is needed. o Individuals can contact 8-1-1 if further health advice is required and 9-1-1 if it is an emergency.
4. In the event of a suspected case or outbreak of influenza-like-illness, immediately report and discuss the suspected outbreak with the Medical Health Officer (or delegate) at your local health authority. Implement your Illness Policy and your enhanced measures.
5. If your organization is contacted by a medical health officer in the course of contact tracing, cooperate with local health authorities.

For more information and resources on cleaning and disinfecting:

<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmba-covid-19-resources>

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
SOLICITOR GENERAL

*Emergency Program Act*

Ministerial Order No. M183

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic to the health, safety or welfare of people has resulted in guidelines, recommendations or requirements to limit in-person contacts;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest to support the provision of amateur organized sport activities, which play an important role in the physical, psychological and emotional well-being of people in British Columbia, while protecting the health, safety and welfare of all participants;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest to protect sport organizations and their directors, officers, employees and volunteers that organize, administer, facilitate or provide organized sport activities from liability for damages relating, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19, if those sport organizations and individuals operate or provide those activities, or reasonably believe that they are operating or providing those activities, in accordance with all applicable emergency and public health guidance;

AND WHEREAS section 10 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;

I, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, order that the attached Protection Against Liability for Sports (COVID-19) Order is made.

June 10, 2020

Date



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Emergency Program Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020; OIC 264/2020

# PROTECTION AGAINST LIABILITY FOR SPORTS (COVID-19) ORDER

## Definitions

1 In this order:

“**Act**” means the *Emergency Program Act*;

“**disability sport organization**” means a non-profit society operating with a sporting purpose that is responsible for the organization, growth or development of a disability sport or a group of disability sport disciplines;

“**emergency and public health guidance**”, in relation to an organized sport activity, means any of the following with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- (a) an order made under the Act;
- (b) an instruction or order of a health officer, as defined in the *Public Health Act*;
- (c) guidelines of the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control;
- (d) guidelines of the Public Health Agency of Canada;
- (e) guidelines published on a website maintained by or on behalf of the government;
- (f) guidelines of a health authority;
- (g) guidelines of a sport organization with respect to organizing, administering, facilitating or providing the organized sport activity;
- (h) guidelines of the viaSport British Columbia Society issued in 2020 relating to the return to sports;

“**exposed**”, in relation to SARS-CoV-2, means to have been in contact with, or near, a person or thing that is or may be infected with SARS-CoV-2, in such a manner as to be at risk of being infected with SARS-CoV-2;

“**health authority**” means

- (a) a regional health board designated under the *Health Authorities Act*,
- (b) the First Nations Health Authority, or
- (c) the Provincial Health Services Authority;

“**local sport organization**” means a non-profit society operating with a sporting purpose that administers sport at a local level;

“**multi-sport organization**” means a non-profit society operating with a sporting purpose that leads or coordinates the delivery of services to other organizations;

“**organized sport activity**” means an amateur sport or physical activity in which a number of persons are engaged in an organized way and that is organized, administered, facilitated or provided by a sport organization;

“**provincial sport organization**” means a non-profit society operating with a sporting purpose that is responsible for the regulation, governance and development of all areas and levels of a sport within the Province;

“**sport organization**” means

- (a) a disability sport organization,

- (b) a local sport organization,
- (c) a multi-sport organization, or
- (d) a provincial sport organization.

**Application**

- 2** This order applies during the period that starts on the date this order is made and ends on the date on which the last extension of the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 under section 9 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* expires or is cancelled.

**Reliance on emergency and public health guidance**

- 3** (1) A sport organization, or a director, officer, employee or volunteer of a sport organization, is not liable for damages resulting, directly or indirectly, from an individual being or likely being infected with or exposed to SARS-CoV-2 as a result of the organization, administration, facilitation or provision of an organized sport activity if, at the relevant time, the sport organization, or director, officer, employee or volunteer of the sport organization,
- (a) was organizing, administering, facilitating or providing the organized sport activity in accordance with all applicable emergency and public health guidance, or
  - (b) reasonably believed that the organization, administration, facilitation or provision of the organized sport activity was in accordance with all applicable emergency and public health guidance.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a sport organization, or a director, officer, employee or volunteer of the sport organization if, in organizing, administering, facilitating or providing the organized sport activity, that sport organization or director, officer, employee or volunteer was grossly negligent.