



Baseball Alberta Frequently Asked Questions

Return to Train/Play

When am I allowed to train with my team?

As of June 15th, teams who have all players and coaches registered with BA, and have completed the appropriate waiver forms, will be insured to return to train using the guidelines in the RTT document. No person may participate in any activity prior to completing the waiver forms. This training is permitted assuming that associations have obtained permission from their municipality to book and use fields.

What will my team need to do differently during these training sessions?

All activity requirements to ensure social distancing, can be found in the Return to Train document.

What equipment is permitted to be shared?

Baseball Alberta recommends that associations minimize the sharing of equipment during any training sessions. Participants must bring their own personal equipment (helmets, gloves, etc) Protocols regarding shared bats can be found in the Return to Play document. Baseballs that are being shared should be isolated to a singular bucket and not brought into practice by players. All players should ensure they have sanitized their hands upon arrival at practice and coaches should schedule frequent sanitization breaks throughout the practice. Players must also sanitize at the end of practice.

If a bat must be shared during baseball activities, ensure that it is sanitized immediately after use before any other person uses it. A coach should be responsible for ensuring that sanitization is occurring each time.

When will my team be allowed to play games?

Baseball Alberta is currently only allowing training activities. If government mandates remain the same, teams will be able to play games within their own associations with adjusted rules, starting on July 1st. We are hoping to progress to 2-3 teams (up to 50 individuals - players, coaches, umpires) forming a cohort to play against each other in the coming weeks. A cohort application will be available to associations who are interested in creating a cohort. More details on the Return to Play Plan will be released shortly.

What is the difference between Phase 2 & Phase 3 Return to Play Launch?

In the event that Baseball Alberta moves from Phase 2 to Phase 3, teams would be allowed to cohort within their own region (town, county and quadrant of a city) as opposed to only within their own association.



What is a Baseball Alberta Cohort Team?

As of July 1st, Baseball Alberta is allowing associations to create cohort teams, for the purposes playing modified games within that association. When creating cohort teams, be sure to consider the possibility that Baseball Alberta may allow cohorting with other teams within your region later in the summer. Once a team has established a cohort group of up to 50 on field individuals, they will not be allowed to form another cohort group without first suspending baseball activities with their original cohort group for at least 14 days. Practices within each individual team may continue during this 14 day period.

How does my team create a cohort with another team when it is permitted by Baseball Alberta?

Baseball Alberta is providing a cohort application form for all teams wishing to join an association cohort. We will form cohort groups with these applications to try and give all teams the opportunity to play modified games within their region. Cohort groups will be assigned based on location and indicated skill level. Although Baseball Alberta is requesting your cohort team preference, there is no guarantee we will be able to accommodate all requests. Umpires will also be assigned to your cohort group should we have enough umpires available in your region. To view the application form, [click here](#).

Does the lifting of restrictions mean there will be leagues this year?

The AA and AAA leagues will remain cancelled for the year due to ongoing gathering and travel restrictions. Any baseball activities will remain within your own association for the foreseeable future.

Do I need a transfer this year to train/play?

Baseball Alberta is strongly recommending that associations do not allow players from outside the same geographical region (e.g. within a county, town or quadrant of a city) to access that association's practices or games.

Please be advised that due to the particular circumstances surrounding this year's baseball season, Baseball Alberta will not be accepting any player transfers for any purpose including for the purpose of approval or disapproval. All payments that have been received for transfers will be refunded. This change to player transfers is limited to 2020.

Can I assign Umpires for my games in Phase 2?

At the moment umpires will not be used during the Phase 2 launch. The assigning of umpires will soon become available following the launch of Phase 2. Baseball Alberta will make an announcement along with the assigning process shortly. An umpire specific FAQ will also be released when umpire use is permitted.



My municipality is not allowing my teams on the diamond even though the Return to Train plan has been released. What should I do?

Associations must follow the guidelines put forth by your municipality before Returning to Train. If your diamonds are still closed by the municipality, you will not be able to begin your Return to Train. Continue to work with your municipality regarding diamond closures and developing a plan for a safe return to the fields.

My association is closed for the season but I still want to train/play. What are my options?

Though it is strongly recommended not to work with an association outside of your region, transferring to another association for 2020 may be possible. We encourage you to reach out to your next closest association for potential train/play options.

One of my participants (coach, player, volunteers, parents) has contracted COVID-19, what should we do?

If you have symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat or runny nose, you **MUST** self-isolate for 10 days after the onset of symptoms and until your symptoms have resolved (whichever is longer). The rest of your cohort group **MUST** self-isolate for 14 days their exposure and monitor themselves for symptoms. If you have been tested and are a confirmed case, please follow the additional measures that will be provided by your health professional regarding self-isolation. Ensure you have made direct contact with your association so they can notify anyone you have been in contact with during your sessions.

My child is a multisport athlete. Can we be a part of a baseball cohort AND a cohort for another sport?

Baseball Alberta will only allow your child to be a part of 1 cohort group for baseball. This is to limit the amount of potential spread between groups. Consider what additional opportunities you are engaged in that may pose a greater risk to your baseball cohort.

If your child is looking to join a cohort of another sport, Baseball Alberta has no jurisdiction over those groups; however you may be required to declare your participation with another sporting cohort. **It is strongly recommended that individuals belong to only one sport or performance cohort to minimize the spread of the virus. AHS Guidance is in place during a pandemic to mitigate the risk of transmission and to keep group numbers to a manageable size should an outbreak occur.**

Do I need to have my NCCP training that would normally be required to coach this year?

For this year only, coaches will not be required to have all required training/certification completed to work with their team. We recommend that all coaches have their Online Initiation and Respect in Sport training completed, which can be done online.

NCCP: <https://nccp.baseball.ca/>

Respect in Sport: <https://baseballalberta.respectgroupinc.com/>

