



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, are insured to return to train using the guidelines in the Return to Baseball 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 proper training protocol can be found in the Return to Baseball 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 Baseball 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 in Phase 3 of our Return to Baseball Plan as of July 15th, 2020. This includes a modified game expansion where cohorts consisting of 50 people are able to compete within their region using modified rules.

What is a Baseball Alberta Cohort?

As of July 1st, Baseball Alberta is allowing associations to create cohort teams, for the purposes playing modified games within that association. A cohort will consist of teams within the same region, of up to 50 individuals. All cohorts will be assigned by Baseball Alberta. 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?

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.

Applications are currently closed for the 2020 season.

Does the lifting of restrictions mean there will be leagues in 2021?

Given the current restrictions and guidelines in place by AHS we would still be using a modified version of our cohort system from the 2020 season. With travel restrictions and some other restrictions being lifted, there would be a greater possibility of more teams being able to participate in this cohort system. Rules would also be subject to change from 2020 depending on current AHS guidelines.

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 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?

Umpires will be assigned to each cohort by Baseball Alberta. Their contact information will be provided to each cohort to communicate with them when scheduling games for their teams. These umpires will not be assigned to any other cohort and cohorts may not use any other umpire than those that are assigned to them.

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

Associations must follow the guidelines put forth by your municipality before Returning to Baseball. If your diamonds are still closed by the municipality, you will not be able to begin your Return to Baseball. 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 until your symptoms have resolved. 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.

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 limit the amount of cohorts that you belong to.**

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/>

