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Softball Manitoba Return to Play Overview

Health Questions

Prior to the commencement of each practice/game players and coaches/managers must be screened for symptoms of COVID 19 including:

- Cough
- Headache
- Fever/Chills
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath/breathing difficulties
- Muscle Aches

Anyone that is showing symptoms of COVID 19 or are ill will NOT be allowed to participate.

Hygiene, Sanitization, & Physical Distancing

All players/coaches and managers will be required to sanitize their hands prior to the start of the game/practice and are to continue to sanitize their hands frequently. Recommendations are that they sanitize hands at each scheduled break in practice or between each inning.

Players, coaches, and managers are to refrain from licking their fingers or spitting.

Dugouts are to be sanitized prior to each game/practice. Dugouts are only to be used by coaches and 1 safety compliance officer (team manager) who will be assisting with sanitization and monitoring of physical distancing by players and coaches.

Players are to use dugout only when entering or exiting the field.

Players and equipment are to be outside the dugout and are to maintain a physical distance of 2 meters (6 ft.).

The Provincial guidelines for recreational activities allow for “brief exchanges” and are defined as contact that does not exceed ten (10) minutes of time being less than two (2) meters away and may be cumulative.

Shared Equipment

Amount of shared equipment used is to be limited and MUST be sanitized immediately after each use. Shared equipment refers to bats, gloves, helmets, and all Catcher’s equipment.

Game balls – Teams on Defense will be responsible for sanitizing game balls. Balls are to be sanitized after each game.

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Practice Balls – During practices coaches are to have a sufficient supply of balls to allow for frequent sanitization between uses. Balls should be sanitized after each practice session.

Masks

Masks are currently mandatory indoors. Masks are not currently mandatory outdoors but are recommended by the Province in circumstances where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

If you choose to wear a non-medical or cloth mask, you must do the following:

- Wash your hands immediately before putting it on and immediately after taking it off.
- Practice good hand hygiene while wearing the mask.
- Ensure the mask fits well (does not gape).
- Do NOT share masks.
- Avoid touching your face mask while wearing it, change the mask if it becomes damp or soiled. Used face masks are to be placed into your bag and taken home for laundering.

Physical distancing is to be maintained at all times, with the exception of brief exchanges that result as part of the sport.

Players, coaches, managers, officials, and spectators may NOT bring gum, sunflower seeds or other seeds to the game or practice.

Umpires and other officials have the right to remove themselves from the game should these protocols not be followed.

Spectators

Effective April 28, 2021, per Public Health Order 13(6), only one parent or caregiver for each minor participating in a sporting activity at an outdoor sporting facility may watch the sporting activity and all spectators must maintain a separation of at least two metres from each other.

Safety Compliance Officer

All teams/umpire crews are to ensure that they have a safety compliance officer attending all games and practices. This individual will ensure that RTP guidelines and PHO are being followed by their team/spectators and are to maintain a contact tracing log for their team/official only. The contact tracing log is the responsibility of the safety compliance officer, please retain paperwork and file privately, do not submit to the Softball Manitoba office.

Thank you for your co-operation. We all have a responsibility for the health and safety of our players, officials, volunteers, and supporters.



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