

## **Return to play plan**

### **Social distancing guidelines**

#### **All attendees**

- **Social distancing of 2 meters is required whenever possible**
- **No sharing of any food or beverage**
- **No sunflower seeds or chewing gum**
- **Do not attend if you are sick or showing signs of sickness**
- **Do not attend if you have had contact with anyone that is sick or showing signs of sickness**
- **Ride sharing is discouraged whenever possible**
- **No sharing of personal items ie: phones, wallets, etc.**
- **Masks are recommended**
- **Wash / sanitize as often as possible**
- **Each individual is responsible for following all social distancing guidelines**
- **PLEASE shower and wash all clothing used as soon as you return home**
- **Before entering the park EVERYONE must complete the following screening and be able to answer NO to each of these questions;**
- **Are you positive for covid 19 or had close contact with anyone that is?**
- **Are you feeling sick?**
- **Do you have a fever?**
- **Do you have a new or worsening cough?**
- **Do you have shortness of breath?**
- **Do you have a sore throat?**
- **Do you have difficulty swallowing?**
- **Do you have loss of taste or smell?**
- **Do you have newly developed headaches or chills?**
- **Do you have unexplained muscle fatigue?**
- **Do you have pink eye?**
- **Do you have a runny nose or nasal congestion from an unknown cause?**
- **Do you have nausea or diarrhea?**
- **Have you travelled outside of the country in the last 14 days?**
- **Have you been in contact with anyone with any of the above listed?**

#### **All players**

- **Arrive no more than 15 minutes before your game time**
- **Everyone with a team must sign the waiver before being permitted to play.**
- **When waiting for your game, players must remain a safe distance from the diamond and maintain social distancing.**

- **Teams will not be permitted to take the diamond until both teams from the previous game have completely cleared the diamond**
- **Upon completion of the game all players must dispose of any garbage and sanitize areas that may be common.**
- **All personal equipment must be kept outside the fenceline**
- **No sharing of personal equipment (with a possible exception of bats. See guidelines below)**

#### **Captains**

- **Team captains are responsible for supplying enough sanitizer and wipes for the team for the full day. (They may designate someone else to be responsible)**
- **In cases where spectators are permitted they will be required to follow all social distance guidelines the same as any player.**

#### **Conveners**

- **Registration tables must ensure 2 meter distancing if more than one person is at the registration area. Convener and customer must remain on opposite sides of the table and 2 meters apart**
- **If pens must be shared, they must be sanitized between each use**
- **Whenever possible cash is discouraged. Although we do not have a debit/credit machine on site conveners can accept electronic money transfers**
- **Appropriate signage concerning social distancing guidelines and the affects of Covid 19 MUST be posted**
- **All guidelines and rules will be posted on our website before the day of ([www.spfacanada.ca](http://www.spfacanada.ca)). There will also be print copies distributed to each captain with their registration package.**
- **If a convener observes players/teams not observing social distance guidelines they will warn the people involved as well as the team captain. If a second occurrence happens the player(s)/team will be suspended from the tournament**
- **Upon completion anything that may have been touched must be sanitized. These places should also be sanitized after each use whenever possible**

#### **Umpires**

- **Umpires will keep a 2 meter distance from both the catcher and the batter.**
- **It is recommended that umpires wear masks**
- **The umpire will supply 2 sanitized game balls to each team at the start of each game and will get back the balls, sanitized at the end of the game.**

#### **Game Play**

- **Each team will receive 2 balls at the start of their game. The defensive team will take their own ball on the field at the start of their inning. Balls will then be taken off of the field when they move to offense and**

**sanitized. When the game is complete the team will return them to the umpire, sanitized. (replacements for damaged balls will be provided)**

- **When a ball is hit out of play, it will be retrieved by the offensive team, then sanitized and returned to the defensive team**
- **Teams will not use dugouts but will instead stay behind the fenceline with appropriate social distance maintained**
- **Base coaches are discouraged but if required a face mask is recommended and they MUST maintain 2 meter distance at all times**
- **The only people on the diamond should be the defensive team, batter, base runners and base coaches and umpire. An on deck batter may be on the field as well provided there is room to social distance**
- **Any pre-game conference / coin flip should ONLY include 1 captain from each team and an umpire. Social distancing of 2 meters must be kept. We suggest that rock/paper/scissors may be an easier way to determine home team than a coin flip**
- **Bat sharing is discouraged but if it is needed the handle of the bat MUST be sanitized before each use**
- **Batters that do not get on base must retrieve and sanitize their own bat. If the batter does get on base then the bat can be retrieved by another player but it should be picked up by the barrel, then have the handle sanitized, before returning it to it's owner**
- **End of game congratulations can only be done from a 2 meter distance. No high-fives, handshakes or any form of contact is permitted**