

## **A Message from Baseball New South Wales Regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**Dear Baseball NSW Members,**

As you are aware, the recent COVID-19 restrictions have been eased as per the NSW Office of Sport June 13<sup>th</sup> announcement. Baseball NSW can now advise that members are now able to return to full competition as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020. However, all members will still be required to comply with the existing social distancing and hygiene requirements until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Baseball NSW will also be providing a revised 'Return to Competition Plan' for Clubs and Associations to use as a guide for local council requirements.

### **REQUIREMENTS UP UNTIL JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>**

It is acceptable for groups to gather on baseball fields as long as they adhere to the June 13<sup>th</sup> **NSW Health Department Public Order Guidelines;**

- Do not attend any sport if you are unwell and experiencing symptoms such as a cough, sore throat, fever, fatigue, or shortness of breath
- Do not attend sport if, in the last 14 days, you have been unwell or had close contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19
- Anyone unwell should see a doctor per NSW Public Health Authority guidelines

Gatherings at venues may be as follows;

- A total of twenty (20) people may gather as per the Baseball NSW prescribed Activity Zones
- Coaches, referees and spectators are included with participants in the total number attending (i.e. a maximum total of 20 people);
- The maximum capacity in any single venue at one time is the responsibility of the venue owner or council
- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times (i.e. 1.5m apart or 1 person per 4sqm)
- Change rooms to remain closed – toilets may be available for use. If a toilet is accessed via a change room, the toilet may be used, the change room may not
- A nominated person from each gathering must complete the 'Baseball NSW Return to Activity Checklist'
  - This can be accessed [here](#) or you can fill out the online form [here](#)

It is still strongly suggested that all participants:

- Prepare or dress for sport at home;
- Shower at home before and after sport;
- Bring hand wash or sanitizer to wash/sanitize your hands before and after sport;
- Bring their own drink bottle, towel etc.;
- Avoid unnecessary contact (i.e. shaking hands, 'high fives' etc.);
- If required, changing or putting on gear before and/or after sport should be done in, or near to, your own vehicle – or elsewhere away from the playing area;
- All equipment (particularly if touched by hands) should be wiped clean afterwards (e.g. balls, temporary goals etc.);

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### REQUIREMENTS AFTER JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

At a minimum there shall be adherence as per the above referred **NSW Department of Health Public Order Guidelines**;

- Please refer to revised 'BNSW Return to Competition Plan'
- No restriction on how many registered members may gather
- Clubs and Associations are still required to retain an attendance Checklist of all registered members present at any facility
  - This does not apply to spectators
- There will be **NO** restricted Activity Zones
- Change rooms and toilets will be available for use

Baseball NSW wish to further remind our members to continue to adhere to the current Public Health Order and follow the prescribed procedures which include social distancing, practicing good personal hygiene, and continuing to complete the attendance checklists at all training sessions.

Regards,

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NSW Office of Sport  
<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

NSW Government  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/changes>

Sport NSW  
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