

Appendix F – Sport Specific Activity Protocols (Baseball)

General

- The Organization is ultimately responsible to ensure full compliance with this Return to Play plan. This includes players, coaches and spectators.
- Follow all physical distancing and mask usage requirements.
 - All participants must maintain 3-metre physical distancing during activity
 - All participants must maintain 3-metre physical distance off the playing field.
 - **Mask usage at Township facilities** is required for those twelve years of age and older while not actively participating in training. While masks are not required for those younger than twelve years of age, the Township strongly recommends mask usage for all facility users as an important measure to keep our community safe. There are Mask usage exemptions at Township facilities for:
 - i. People with health conditions or with physical, cognitive or mental impairments who cannot wear one;
 - ii. People who cannot put on or remove a mask on their own; or
 - iii. Any other exemption identified by the Emergency Program Act (EPA) mask mandate
 - Coaches must wear a mask at all times even during activity unless they are outside and remain 4 metres away from any other coach or participant.
- No person should pick-up or handle other participant's equipment.
- The organization is to track their own attendance with the designated attendance tracking form at each practice and sent to covid-attendance@tol.ca at the end of the session. NL Baseball will track attendance and conduct daily participant health screening via the Teamsnap sports organization app (players and coaches) and a custom web form (any volunteers not rostered within Teamsnap). Attendance records for any time/date/facility can be retrieved promptly by the NL Baseball Executive (email president@nlbaseball.ca, vp1@nlbaseball.ca, phone 604-807-0056) up to a maximum of 90 days.

Facility Information

- The maximum number of participants permitted to train at a time is 50. No more than **50** individuals per facility. This includes participants, coaches, assistance, and spectators (when permitted)
- Bleachers and dug-outs are closed.
- Field will have one entrance and one exit to ensure physical distancing during arrival and departure. Please follow the Township of Langley Ingress & Egress Plan.
- All change rooms will be closed.
- The start and end times of training sessions will have a 15-minute buffer between sessions to allow coaches and players the appropriate physical distancing requirements and guidelines of health authorities.

Before Activity Starts

- The designated Screener must ask the following four questions for every participant:
 - *Are you exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, dry cough, chest or respiratory pain?)*
 - *Has any member of your household exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days?*
 - *Have you or any other member of your household arrived from outside Canada in the past 14 days?*
 - Have you had close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 or have you been told by public health that you may have been exposed and need to quarantine (self-

isolate)? NOTE: Close contact is face-to-face, closer than 2 metres for a minimum of 15 minutes.

- Participants must come dressed in appropriate attire. Change rooms are currently closed.
- Participants must adhere to proper physical distance
 - Wear a mask until activity start time
 - Maintain a 3-metre distance from one another at all times
- Bring your own water bottle- water fountains are currently closed.
- Primary contact will gather contact tracing information of all participants prior to practice/training.

During Activity

- During Training participants must maintain 3-metres at all times.
- No team huddles before, during or after the practice. Quick chats can be had if 3m distance is maintained.
- If an injury occurs to a player on that team, either the umpire or coach will call time and only the coach and In Charge person – both wearing protective gloves and face coverings - may go to the injured player, everyone else must maintain physical distancing.
- Balls should be routinely rotated and sanitized. The pitcher/catcher will call time and the ball will be given to the Sanitizing Champion to be sanitized, the Sanitizing Champion will throw in a sanitized ball in exchange.
- If a ball goes out of play the primary contact will sanitize the ball.
- No handshakes, high fives, or huddles.

After Activity

1. Follow all facility guidance with respect to exit flow.
 - All participants are to leave the playing field immediately after the game has ended. No team meetings at the venue post game.
2. Follow all physical distancing and mask usage requirements.
 - All participants must maintain 3-metre physical distancing at all times.
 - All participants must wear a mask off the field and transitioning away from the baseball diamond.
3. The organizations is responsible for sanitization of all high touch surfaces (dugout posts/poles) and shared equipment (such as bases and equipment bin) both before and after the game.
4. Follow all facility guidelines pertaining washroom use.