

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS

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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA

SUBJECT: RETURN TO ACTIVITY, REGISTRATIONS, COVID-19

CLUB RESOURCES, RAMP UP TO PLAY

## **Baseball Victoria Return to Activity**

Baseball Victoria is pleased with the progress made on our return to activity. After a two-month shutdown on all baseball activity in the state, it's great to see some of our clubs and members back on the field for training while following all social distancing and personal hygiene measures. As a reminder, the number of people currently allowed at a baseball activity is 20 athletes and two coaches, as announced on Monday, 1 June.

The easing of restrictions has allowed training to expand with additional athletes as all of the social distancing rules remain in effect. Clubs have received an updated <u>Return to Activity/ Play Plan</u> and have access to <u>Club Templates</u> for <u>Training Attendance</u> for 20 athletes.

Clubs planning to return to activity, whom have not done so, must provide the <u>Return to Activity Club</u> <u>Checklist</u> before training commences.

Updated restrictions now in effect are as follows:

- Training is extended to 20 athletes and two coaching staff per training session.
- The use of clubrooms, changerooms, showers and covered batting cages are not allowed. The only indoor club facilities that may be used are toilets.
- Clubs need to continue with the application of hygiene measures to return to on-field training.
  - All clubs must adhere to the maximum of 20 athletes and two coaching staff per training group.
  - There can be two groups of 20 athletes on the field, one in the diamond and one in the outfield with approximately 20 metres in between them.
  - Each group may have 20 athletes with two coaching staff; the groups are able to swap positions on the field, but they must remain in the original groups of 20 athletes.
  - Groundskeepers, parents and other club members may not be on the field during training, otherwise they will count toward the maximum number of people.
  - All athletes and coaches must use hand sanitiser before, during and after training. Hand sanitiser must be reapplied every 20 minutes during training.
  - Clubs will only have access to the field and toilets. Parents will be able to attend training with children in limited numbers while maintaining social distancing.
- All training will be conducted so that there is no personal contact and appropriate space between participants.
- All players, coaches and committee members need to register with SportsTG to Return to Activity. Click <u>HERE</u> for Winter Return to Activity Registration by club.
- Non-essential baseball activity other than training in groups of up to 20 people is still restricted. Committee meetings and non-essential gatherings are not permitted.
- We have prepared a list of frequently asked questions in relation to this kind of training.
  Click <u>HERE</u> for the list of frequently asked questions.

Baseball Victoria anticipates further easing of restrictions in the coming weeks, and we are working through how those changes will apply to our return to activity. Any further updates will be provided accordingly.

Click **HERE** to read our latest update from Monday, 1 June.

Our full Return to Activity Plan and COVID-19 Club Resources are available HERE.

As a reminder, the COVIDSafe app is now available and will allow authorities to quickly track and control the spread of COVID-19. Please consider downloading the app to help save lives, protect the community and get baseball back as soon as possible. Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more.

## **Return to Activity Registrations**

All members who wish to participate in training must complete the Return to Activity registration. All players, coaches and club personnel must register before attending training to ensure they and their clubs are covered by insurance. Please note there is no BV fee to return to training, however, clubs will determine their fee for returning to training if necessary. BV and BA capitation fees will return upon the resumption of full competition play. Please click HERE to register.

#### **COVID-19 Resources**

As we continue with our return to activity, please note our <u>COVID-19 Club Resources</u> page on our website. This includes Return to Activity Conditions, Club/Training Templates and Return to Activity Printable Signage, available below:

- COVID-19 Club Resources Page
- COVID-19 FAQ
- Return to Activity Conditions
- <u>Club/Training Templates</u>
- Return to Activity Printable Signage

In addition, last week the Victorian State Government confirmed the details for the <u>Community Sport Section COVID-19 Short Term Survival Package</u>, which includes streams for associations, leagues, and clubs to apply for assistance. This <u>page</u> includes the details for eligibility and the application process. Please <u>contact Baseball Victoria</u> if you require assistance in navigating this process.

#### Ramp Up to Play Program

We hope our *Ramp Up to Play: Drills and Exercises* Program on BV TV has helped players get ready to return to activity. Available on our <u>website</u> and <u>BV TV YouTube channel</u>, this program is designed to help players progress from periods of no throwing or returns from injury. With a gradual build-up of volume and intensity, this program will ramp up the player from non-throwing to a state of normal training. This includes Dynamic Warm Up, Resistance Bands, Recovery and Wall Drill videos. Click <u>HERE</u> to view all the details on our website and join others in our Ramp Up To Play!

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