

Baseball Return to Play COVIDSafe Plan

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INTRODUCTION

Baseball Victoria, its members, clubs and the wider community have all been affected by COVID-19. The health, wellbeing and safety of all involved in our sport is paramount, as such Baseball Victoria will continue to work closely with the relevant health authorities, both at a national and state level, to ensure we successfully navigate our way to safely resuming activity and play for baseball in Victoria.

“There’s no doubt this year has been challenging in many aspects, not only in our sport but for our wider Victorian community. We have come together to do what’s best for Victoria as a whole, and we greatly appreciate the patience of our Victorian baseballers as we navigated the changing COVID landscape and worked to achieve the safest outcomes for our members,” Baseball Victoria President Myles Foreman said. “After months of lockdown and planning, we are so pleased to be in a position to fully return to activity and play. This would not be possible without our amazing volunteers, from club presidents and secretaries to coaches and groundskeepers, who have worked tirelessly to get baseball back up and running while following government guidelines. Safety remains our top priority across all levels of Victorian baseball and we look forward to seeing our members back on the diamond for a safe and successful summer season.”

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide the Office of Sport and Recreation Victoria, Local Government and Councils and the associated government department(s) that manage venues and facilities throughout the state with a comprehensive strategy of a ‘Return to Activity’ and a ‘Return to Play.’

All information provided is sourced from relevant national and state government departments and strictly follows the guidelines as prepared by Sport Australia in the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 environment](#) and the Department of Sport and Recreation Victoria. In an evolving landscape with COVID-19, the recommendations and guidelines detailed in this document will be updated regularly in line with national and state announcements.

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DOCUMENT VERSIONS

DOCUMENT VERSION	APPLICABLE DATES	CHANGES
Version One	25 May 2020 – 1 June 2020	Return to Activity
Version Two	1 June 2020 – Onwards	Activity Groups from 10 to 20 athletes
Version Three – A	19 June 2020 – Onwards	Continued Activity – 20 athletes Return to Contact Training – 20 athletes, Return to Baseball – Full Competition
Version Three – B	24 June 2020	Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball
Version Three – C	30 June 2020	Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball, Lockdown Postcode Information
Version Three – D	4 July 2020	Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball, ADDITION – Lockdown Postcode Information – 2 additional postcodes
Version Four	9 July 2020	Melbourne Metro and Mitchell Shire Lockdown – Continued Activity in Regional Victoria
Version Five	2 August 2020	Victorian Update Restrictions, Stage 4 Melbourne, Stage 3 Regional Victoria
Version 6	15 September 2020	Metro Melbourne, Remains the SAME Regional Victoria, Step 3, Return to Junior Play and Senior Non-Contact Training in small groups
Version 7	23 September 2020	Updated to include Full Regional Victoria and Metro Melbourne RoadMap, updated specific small group training information
Version 8	18 October 2020	Updated Victorian Government Restrictions for Metro and Regional Victoria
Version 9	28 October 2020	Updated Victorian Government Restrictions for Metro and Regional Victoria – Return to Activity
Version 10	3 November 2020	Updated to include COVID Safe Plan
Version 11	8 November 2020	Changes to Restrictions, Roadmap next steps.
Version 12	22 November 2020	Additional Easing of Restrictions in to the 'Last Step' of the Government RoadMap.
Version 13	6 December 2020	Additional Easing of Restrictions for COVID Summer.
Version 14	4 February 2021	Updated restrictions, return to NYE dated restrictions.
Version 15	5 March 2021	Update to new masks restrictions.

KEY PRINCIPLES

In addition to the [National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities](#) published by the Australian Government on 2 May 2020, Baseball Victoria is adhering to the following guidelines as part of the national family of baseball states and territories:

1. GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

1. Baseball Victoria will follow any direction from the State and Federal Government and align with the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport](#).
2. Baseball Victoria will review activities as directed by the State Government should restrictions or guidelines be amended or updated.
3. Baseball Victoria encourages the use of the Australian Government's [COVIDSafe App](#).

2. GOOD HYGIENE

1. Hand hygiene facilities or products must be available to all participants and attendees. This includes access to a sink and soap for handwashing and/or hand sanitiser with over 60 percent alcohol.
2. Avoid sharing equipment or apparel.
3. Minimise catering or shared food/drink facilities.
4. Frequently touched surfaces, work areas and equipment are cleaned thoroughly.

3. SOCIAL DISTANCING

1. Maintain social distancing measures. In accordance with the AIS principle of *'Get in, train and get out,'* this means participants should come prepared to training and games, as well as quickly pack up and leave once their activities have finished.

2. Return to Activity will see no use of any indoor facilities, Return to Play will see restricted use of indoor facilities.
3. No mass gatherings including club or committee meetings, team meetings, on field huddles or game discussions. Baseball Victoria supports the use of video and telephone conference technology to replace face to face interaction.
4. Limits on the amount of people attending training and game play.
5. Signage will be provided by Baseball Victoria. This signage will be customisable for clubs to convey important social distancing, hygiene and cleaning protocols.

4. RESTRICTIONS

Under **no** circumstances should anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 attend any baseball training, games or events.

This includes any fever, respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, sore throat, cough, fatigue, or lack of sense or smell.

Under **no** circumstances should anyone attend the event if they have been:

- i. overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- ii. in contact with someone who has been overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- iii. in contact with a known COVID-19 positive case in the previous 14 days.

5. MONITORING

1. A COVID-19 Officer will be appointed at each club to ensure protocols are undertaken and maintained.
2. In addition to encouraging all participants to download the [COVIDSafe App](#),
 1. all participants will be required to register with SportsTG that they are attending training, including any club committee members or coaching staff;
 2. all clubs will maintain a register of attendees, including dates and times, and this information will be shared with and monitored by Baseball Victoria.

6. GENERAL

1. Safety of all participants and the wider community is the top priority for Baseball Victoria and underpins all decisions related to the Return to Activity and Return to Play.
2. Resumption of Baseball Victoria activities of Baseball Victoria activities should not compromise the health of individuals or the community.
3. The resumption of Baseball Victoria activities will contribute to the health, economic, social and cultural benefits of the participants and wider Victorian community.

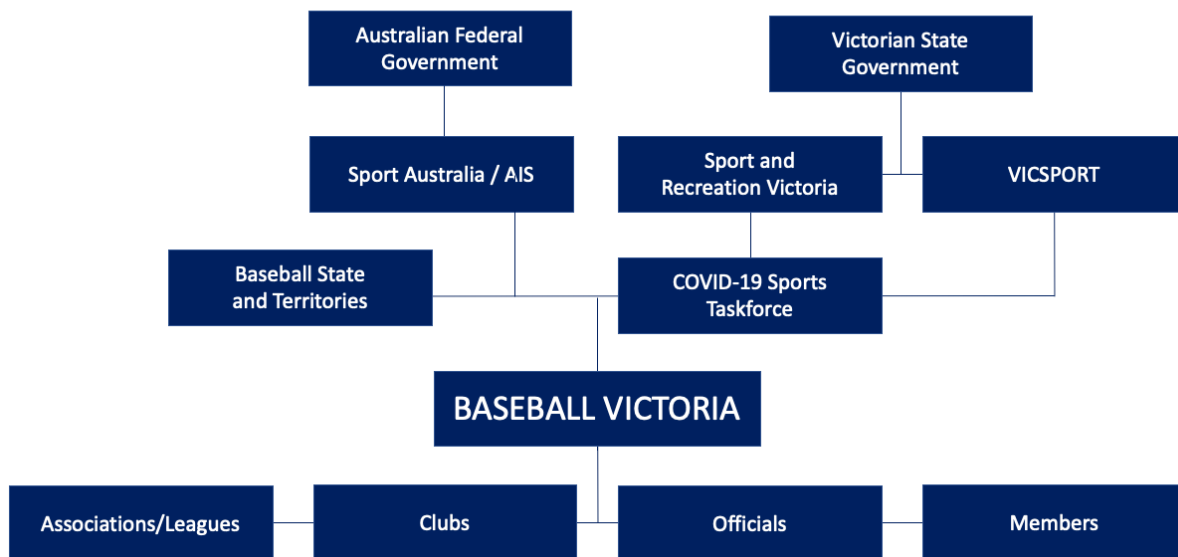


RESOURCES

Baseball Victoria will provide links to all resource documentation on the [Baseball Victoria website](#), to be updated regularly and available to all clubs and members.

COMMUNICATION STRUCTURE

Baseball Victoria's communication structure receives and provides information as follows:



All communication including updates to materials and roll back to together activity restrictions would be communicated directly to members via email, via the Baseball Victoria website (www.baseballvictoria.com.au) and via the Baseball Victoria social media channels.

RETURN TO SPORT ROADMAP

In alignment with the Victorian Governments Roadmap to a COVID Normal, below is a sport specific summary to be considered in conjunction with the overarching public gathering, face covering and COVID hygiene requirements.

As at 5 February 2021, Victoria remains in the **LAST STEP**, with the additional **Face Mask** requirements.

CURRENT REGIONAL VICTORIA AND METRO MELBOURNE

CATEGORY	CURRENT POSITION IN VICTORIA – Last Step
Exercise and recreation	<p>Indoor physical recreation and community sport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted for all ages • No patron caps with a density quotient of 1 per 4sqm for each space. • Gym and exercise classes limited to 50 people (excluding anyone necessary for running the class). COVID Marshals required when gyms are staffed. • At times when gyms are unstaffed, a density quotient of 1 per 8 sqm applies. • Signage must state the number of people permitted inside, wipes and disinfectant must be supplied for use by patrons, and record keeping is required and venues with capacity of greater than 500 patrons must publish a COVIDSafe Plan online. <p>Outdoor physical recreation and community sport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted for all ages • Up to a maximum of 100 patrons for outdoor fitness classes with a density quotient of 1 per 2sqm. • Record keeping is required and venues with capacity of greater than 500 patrons must publish a COVIDSafe Plan online. <p>Pools, including swimming classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor venues open with a density quotient of 1 per 4 sqm. • Outdoor pools open with a density quotient of 1 per 2 sqm. • Record keeping is required. <p>Outdoor communal gym equipment: Open</p> <p>Publicly accessible playgrounds: Open</p>

For more detail on these changes, please see the [Summary of COVIDSafe Summer Restrictions](#).

RESTRICTIONS - CURRENT

From 3 February 2021 from 11:59PM

RETURN TO ACTIVITY

Currently applicable to all of Victoria

Activity can now recommence for outdoor community sport in no more than groups of 100.

Baseball Victoria Summer Clubs will continue to provide their training registration forms, and match day information will act as the register for players and officials at each game. Players must be registered to train and registered to play.

Baseball Victoria will continue with its Return to Activity as follows:

CLUBS

- All Clubs need to nominate a COVID-19 Coordinator, who will be the Baseball Victoria direct contact for updated information and compliance.
- Clubs can now access outdoor facilities including batting cages for training while maintaining social distancing rules (1.5 metres apart, 4 square metre rule).
- Clubs can now access toilet facilities.
- Clubs can access indoor club room and change room facilities as per their Local Council Requirements.

JUNIORS

- Junior full contact training can commence.
- Junior full contact competition can commence.

ADULTS

- Adults full contact training can commence.
- Adults full contact competition can commence.
- Practice Games can commence, intra-club and intra-competition.
- Were intra-competition practices matches are conducted, they will be reported to Baseball Victoria.

RETURN TO PLAY

From 3 February 2021 from 11:59PM

Baseball Victoria continues to develop the return to play protocols in line with government restrictions. Hygiene, social distancing, monitoring and testing protocols described previously still apply. Refer to the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport](#).

RESTRICTIONS:

- Full training activities, including contact activities.
- Australian Government Health Department resources will be prominently displayed in the facilities and entry points, including handwashing, social distancing and cough advice.
- Officials and players to maintain 1.5 metres distance between each other at all times, unless during game play. Scorers desk to be cleaned during the game.
- Entry into venue and exit out of venue to be clearly identified if possible, with arrows on the ground. Designated area for incoming teams (both home and away) to gather and warm up at the venue. Limited physical contact and coming together in tight huddles during training or games.
- Access to support and treatment officials for strapping or massage is limited.
- Sports medicine equipment that used for more than one person must be sterilised between uses.
- Treatment officials to wear required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in line with Victorian Department of Health and Human Services recommendations.
- Personal drink bottles only.
- Provide external benches/chairs at the facility to maintain physical distancing on the bench.
- Treatment equipment to be wiped down and sanitised before and after each use.
- Venues to be secure with a single access point for players, officials and other personnel required at venue (such as umpires, security, media). Records of attendees to be maintained for each match.
- Entry and Exit points should be marked with signage and communicated to athletes and officials prior to commencing competition.
- Where possible, pick up and drop off zones should be established in car parks or at the front entrance to a facility to clearly indicate where people should wait, while maintaining social distance, for drop off or collection from the facility.
- Venues and accessed areas to be cleaned and sanitised before and after each use.
- Minimum contact of non-essential surfaces to occur and hands on treatment should be kept to essential only.
- *Masks are strongly recommended to be worn on the field, where social distancing cannot be maintained, on the bench, while in groups or where a player determined it is their personal preference to wear a mask, they may do so at anytime.*
- *Masks must be carried with players, officials, club members, staff and spectators at all times.*

Face masks (Updated)

- Victoria returns to COVIDSafe settings from 11:59pm Friday 26 February 2021.
- You must always carry a face mask with you at all times when you leave the home, unless you have a lawful reason not to.
- Face masks must be worn:
 - on public transport, in commercial passenger vehicles such as taxis and ride share vehicles, and in tour vehicles
 - by visitors to a hospital
 - by visitors at a care facility (while indoors)
 - indoors at shopping centres, retail facilities with 2,000 or more square metres of indoor space, markets and market stalls
 - on flights to and from Victoria and
 - at airports
 - if you are diagnosed or suspected of having COVID-19, or a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19, when leaving your home or accommodation for a permitted reason, such as medical care or to get tested
 - while awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test when leaving your home or accommodation for a permitted reason, such as medical care (except as part of a surveillance or other asymptomatic testing program)
 - while experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- It is strongly recommended you wear a face mask when at a private gathering or when you cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people (such as outdoor markets, outdoor concerts, street markets, at a busy bus stop or train station platform).
- There are a number of lawful reasons to not wear a face mask.

Baseball Victoria has prepared a list of frequently asked questions, which will be regularly updated on our website [HERE](#).

COVIDSafe PLAN

Extracted from the COVIDSafe Plan has been developed to support businesses to safely reopen, maintain a COVIDSafe workplace, and prepare for a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the workplace.

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
1. Ensure physical distancing	
Requirements: You must ensure volunteers and participants and spectators are 1.5m apart as much as possible.	Full Contact Training will recommence, where they may be instances where players are closer than 1.5m, however all discussions, off field activity will be conducted with social distancing
Requirements: You must apply density quotient to configure shared facilities and publicly accessible spaces to ensure that – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no more than one volunteers/ participants/ spectators per four square meters of enclosed workspace • There is no more than one member of the public per four square meters of publicly available space indoors 	When facilities are available, as part of the signage package provided by Baseball Victoria, the density signage will be displayed.
Requirements: You should provide training to workers on physical distancing expectations while working and socialising. This should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informing volunteers/ participants/ spectators to follow current public health directions when carpooling. This can be found at vic.gov.au • Informing volunteers/ participants/ spectators to work from home wherever possible 	Information on car pooling provided in this Plan to all Baseball Victoria Participants (See General Requirements). Where meetings are conducted indoors, masks are required and all meeting must be conducted with consideration to density quotas.
2. Wear a face covering	
Requirements: You must ensure all workers and visitors entering the worksite wear a face covering as per public health advice. This includes – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing adequate face coverings and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to workers that do not have their own 	All volunteers/ participants/ spectators are strongly recommended to wear masks at all time, aside from when on the field there is a reasonable expectation they may be required to engage in physical activity that increasing breathing to 'huffing and puffing'. Baseball Victoria Club have disposable masks available to volunteers/ participants/ spectators on request.

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
Requirements: You should install screens or barriers in the workspace for additional protection where relevant.	Applicable where necessary for canteen/food service or bar products at the requirements of the Club's COVID Plan for hospitality.
Requirements: You should provide training, instruction and guidance on how to correctly fit, use and dispose of PPE. You should inform volunteers/ participants/ spectators that cloth masks should be washed each day after use. However, if during the day the mask is visibly dirty or wet, the mask needs to be washed immediately.	Information on masks provided as part of this Plan to all volunteers/ participants/ spectators (see General Requirements).
3. Practise good hygiene	
Requirements: You must frequently and regularly clean and disinfect shared spaces, including high-touch communal items such as doorknobs and telephones.	Cleaning will be conducted in accordance with local council facilities requirements. High touch areas outside at the facilities, i.e. benches, fence entries, or equipment is cleaned after each use.
You should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean surfaces with appropriate cleaning products, including detergent and disinfectant • Replace high-touch communal items with hygienic alternatives, for example single-use or contactless options, where possible to do so • Clean between shifts 	Cleaning will be conducted in accordance with local council facilities requirements.
• You should display a cleaning log in shared spaces.	Provided.
• You should make soap and hand sanitiser available for all volunteers/ participants/ spectators throughout the field/sporting space and encourage regular handwashing.	Provided as part of outdoor training, sanitation required before and after training, as well as every 20 minutes during training (see General Requirements).
4. Keep records and act quickly if workers become unwell	
Requirements: You must enable volunteers/ participants/ spectators workers to get tested and stay home even if they only have mild symptoms.	Information provided as part of this Plan (see General Requirements).

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
<p>Requirements: You must develop a business contingency plan to manage any outbreaks. This includes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to respond to a volunteers/ participants/ spectators being notified they are a positive case while having participated in sport, noting volunteers/ participants/ spectators who show symptoms or have been in close contact should NOT attend the sport until they receive their test results 	<p>Baseball Victoria's record keeping includes contact details and options to notify all volunteers/ participants/ spectators effected by any positive case. (see General Requirements, Baseball Victoria Notification Structure)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to identify and notify close contacts in the event of a positive case attending the field/sporting space during their infectious period 	<p>Baseball Victoria's registration and training session listings include contact details.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to contact DHHS and notify the actions taken, provide a copy of the risk assessment conducted and contact details of any close contacts 	<p>Participants via Clubs or directly are required to notify Baseball Victoria of any positive case and where it has not already been done, Baseball Victoria would immediately contact DHHS.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to immediately notify WorkSafe Victoria on 13 23 60 if you have identified a person with coronavirus (COVID-19) within a club or the sport overall 	<p>Where these are not specific workplaces, but facilities, as part of the Baseball Victoria notification structure (see General Requirements, Baseball Victoria Notification Structure)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan in the event that you have been instructed to cease activity by DHHS 	<p>Baseball Victoria is able to cease activity as required and notify participants.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to re-open the sport/club/ sports area once agreed by DHHS and notify volunteers/ participants/ spectators they can return to participation 	<p>Baseball Victoria is able to re-commence activity as required and notify participants.</p>
<p>Requirements: You must keep records of all people who enter participate for contact tracing.</p>	<p>Baseball Victoria has a system of registration for all training participants, coaches and volunteers. [Link to BV Website, Registration]</p> <p>All participants at every training session are recorded [Link to BV Website]</p> <p>All training registrations and training session records are maintained by Baseball Victoria and reviewed daily to ensure all participants are registered.</p>

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
Requirements: You should implement a screening system that involves temperature checking upon entry into a workplace.	Not currently applied to outdoor training for community participation, but this practice is part of high-performance training (Melbourne Aces, Melbourne Aces Academy).
5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces	
Requirements: You should reduce the amount of time volunteers/ participants/ spectators are spending in enclosed spaces. This could include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling working in outdoor environments • Moving as much activity outside as possible, including serving customers, meetings, tearooms, lunchbreaks and locker rooms • Enhancing airflow by opening windows and doors • Optimising fresh air flow in air conditioning systems 	<p>Consideration given to where this is possible.</p> <p>Baseball Victoria continues to provide online meeting options.</p>
6. Create workforce bubbles	
Requirements: You should keep groups of volunteers/ participants/ spectators rostered on the same shifts at a single worksite and ensure there is no overlap of volunteer/ participant/ spectator occurs during shift changes.	This will form part of hospitality COVID Plans.
Requirements: Maintain records of all volunteers/ participants/ spectators who have disclosed that they reside with another volunteer/ participant/ spectator and ensure that there is no cross-over between shifts.	This will form part of hospitality COVID Plans.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

HYGIENE

The following general hygiene practices for players and officials always apply, in line with government advice:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Wash or sanitise your hands before eating (all players and officials should have personal hand sanitiser).
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth to cough or sneeze (using your elbow).
- No sharing of towels/water bottles/food, including lolly or fruit bowls.
- Any areas (meeting rooms, treatment rooms, change rooms etc) accessed by players and officials to be comprehensively cleaned and sanitised after each use.
- Clubs to take steps to adequately clean and disinfect player facilities (once available) before and after use.
- Clubs must do all they can to reinforce the above precautions, including making appropriate hand washing facilities available, as well as the provision of alcohol-based hand sanitiser and tissues.
- Medical officials must follow protocols as outlined in infection control training (ie: disposal of gloves in between treatments, wearing of face masks).

ADDITIONAL GAME & TRAINING HYGIENE

- Alcohol-based hand sanitisers must be available in the dugout once competition has resumed.
- Spitting and clearing of nasal/respiratory secretions on diamonds or other sport settings is not permitted.
- No sharing of headsets or computer screens/iPads, without cleaning measures in place.
- All equipment to be cleaned and disinfected prior and after sessions and games.
- No high fives, handshakes or other physical contact.



TESTING

- Any advice on testing for COVID-19 will be guided by the State Government and Health officials.
- Should any member become symptomatic, they must undergo relevant testing and follow isolation procedures until the results of the test are available.
- Any other relevant testing will be implemented at the request of health professionals.

NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE TESTS

- Any member, participant or volunteer that has a reasonable expectation or whom receives a positive test, must notify their Club or Baseball Victoria, having already adhered to the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services requirements to report and notify any positive test results.
- Any Baseball Victoria member (participant/coach/volunteer/club) can notify Baseball Victoria of any positive test or updated COVID information via the Baseball Victoria office telephone number: (03) 9645 8000 (this telephone number is connected to Baseball Victoria seven days a week, 24 hours a day) or via email to the Baseball Victoria CEO (Link: [Baseball Victoria Contact Details](#))
- All members MUST be registered to attend training (Link: [Baseball Victoria Return to Training Registration](#)).

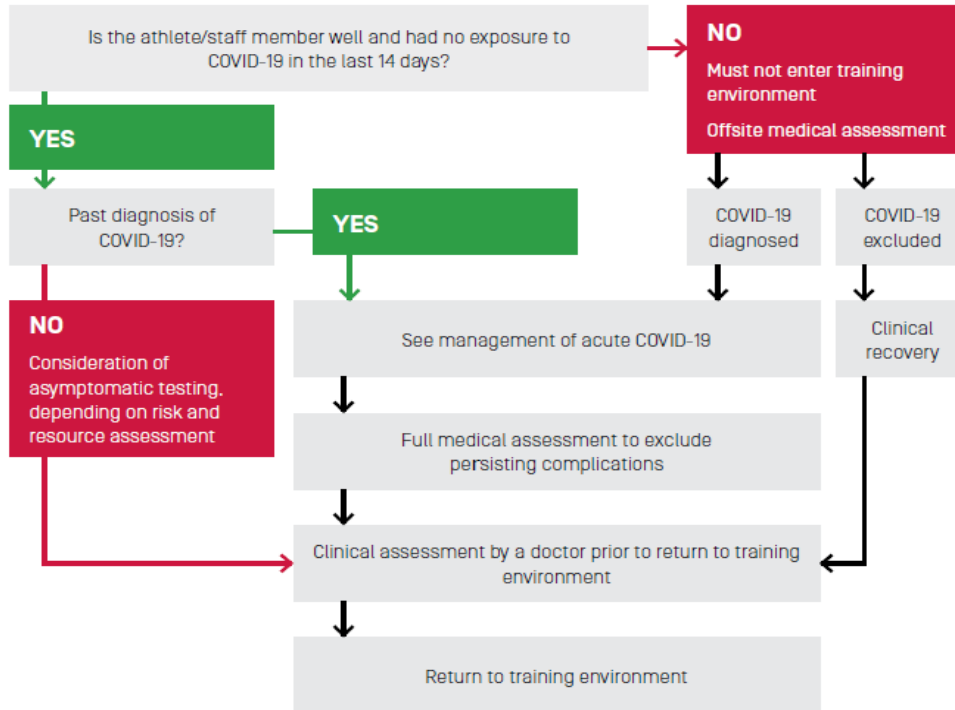
BV NOTIFICATION STRUCTURE

Baseball Victoria:

- Requires all participants, coaches, and volunteer to register to Return to Training on the Baseball Victoria [website](#).
- Registration requires contact details including current address and telephone number;
- All training sessions are required to submit a list of attendees to Baseball Victoria via the Baseball Victoria [website](#).
- Any Baseball Victoria member (participant/coach/volunteer) can notify Baseball Victoria of any positive test or updated COVID information via the Baseball Victoria office telephone number: (03) 9645 8000 (this telephone number is connected to Baseball Victoria seven days a week, 24 hours a day) or via email to the Baseball Victoria CEO (Link: [Baseball Victoria Contact Details](#))
- Baseball Victoria will notify – DHHS, Sport and Recreation Victoria, the Local Council where the case is reported and VICSPORT.
- Baseball Victoria will notify any effected participants via their provided contact details, via text message, via email, via the Baseball Victoria website <https://baseballvictoria.com.au/>

RETURN TO TRAINING ASSESSMENT

- A player/official member must not join the training or playing environment if in the last 14 days they have been unwell or had contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.



- Any player/official member who has underlying health conditions or is considered a vulnerable person should consult with a healthcare professional prior to returning to the training or match day environment. Refer to *Vulnerable Cohorts* section below.

OFFICIALS – UMPIRES AND SCORERS

Umpires, scorers and game day officials will follow the same protocols as players detailed in the Return to Activity when competition resumes. Baseball Victoria will be working with the Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria to ensure umpires are ready to commence a Return to Play.

VULNERABLE COHORTS

Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. As part of the Return to Activity with training in small groups, there will be limited coach interaction and no officials (umpires or scorers) permitted to be present. For the Return to Play, any person who is over 65 years of age or with underlying medical conditions would be required to continue to follow current social distancing requirements, and when needed, additional measures will be put into place to ensure those distancing requirements can be achieved.

SANCTIONS

If clubs are either warned or fined by Police for breaking an enforceable direction, Baseball Victoria will follow the process under the [Baseball Victoria By-Laws](#) and [Member Protection Policy](#). If Baseball Victoria is notified of an instance where a club is reported to have breached an enforceable direction, the matter will be reported to Victorian Police.

An individual found in breach of current restrictions may be fined \$1000 on the spot and a club/association/business may be fined \$5000 on the spot by the Victorian Police. Non-compliance is considered a breach of the [Baseball Victoria Member Protection Policy](#) and [Baseball Victoria Code of Conduct](#) and as such penalties will apply.

INSURANCE

Baseball Victoria has provided insurance cover throughout the Winter and Summer shutdown of baseball activity.

Australian Baseball's insurance is provided via a national scheme with Baseball Australia, and each of the states and territories.

Baseball Insurance cover includes:

- Public & Products Liability
- Professional Indemnity
- Personal Accident
- Property & Equipment
- Management Liability (Directors & Officers Liability)
- Travel Insurance
- Cyber Liability and Privacy Protection

Copies of all Baseball Victoria/Baseball Australia Policy statements can be accessed [HERE](#).

Certificates of Currency for any Baseball Club can be accessed [HERE](#).



RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

- [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 environment](#)
- [National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID-19 Club Documents](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID- 19 Club Checklist](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID-19 Club Signage](#)
- [Baseball Victorian Insurance – Certificates of Currency](#)
- [Australian Government COVID-19 Information](#)
- [COVIDSafe App](#)
- [Victorian Government COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)
- [Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services](#)



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Certificate of Currency

This document certifies that the policy referred to below is currently intended to remaining force until 4:00pm on the expiry date shown and will remain in force until that date, unless the policy is cancelled, lapsed, varied or otherwise altered in accordance with the relevant policy conditions or the provisions of the 'Insurance Contracts Act 1984'.

Insurer: Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's of London (UMR B087520Y135052)

Product Issuer: This policy is issued by ATC Insurance Solutions Pty. Ltd. (ACN 121 360 978, AFS Licence No. 305802) acting on behalf of Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's of London.

Insured: Australian Baseball Federation; Australian Baseball League; Tee-Ball Association of WA; and all affiliated State / Territory and Regional Associations and all affiliated clubs.

State Association: Baseball Victoria

Affiliated Association/Club: Alfredton Baseball Club

Policy No. ATCSL00400

Class of Insurance: Combined Liability Insurance

Policy Wording: Combined Liability Insurance Policy Wording WRD112 v1.1

Period of Insurance: 31st August 2020 at 4:00 pm to 31st August 2021 at 4:00pm

Business Activities: Principally the Australian Baseball Federation coordinates, administers and assists in the development of Baseball from grassroots to the elite level throughout Australia and any other activity incidental thereto.

Limit of Liability: Professional Indemnity \$5,000,000 each and every occurrence and in the aggregate
Public \$20,000,000 each and every occurrence
Products \$20,000,000 each and every occurrence and in the aggregate

Policy Territory: Worldwide



Signature: _____
Tim Martin

Date: 1/09/2020

IMPORTANT: In arranging this certificate, we are acting under an authority given to us by the insurer named above to issue certificates on their behalf. It does not reflect in detail the policy terms or conditions and merely provides a very brief summary of the insurance that is, to the best of our know knowledge, in existence at the date we have issued this certificate. If you wish to obtain details of the policy terms, conditions, restrictions, exclusions or warranties, you must refer to the policy contract.

DISCLAIMER: In arranging this certificate, we do not guarantee that the insurance outlined will continue to remain in force for the period referred to as the policy may be cancelled or altered by either party to the contract at any time in accordance with the terms and conditions of the policy or in accordance with the terms of the 'Insurance Contracts Act 1984'. We accept no responsibility or liability to advise any party who may be relying on this certificate of such an alteration to or cancellation of the policy of insurance.

INTRODUCTION

Baseball Victoria, its members, clubs and the wider community have all been affected by COVID-19. The health, wellbeing and safety of all involved in our sport is paramount, as such Baseball Victoria will continue to work closely with the relevant health authorities, both at a national and state level, to ensure we successfully navigate our way to safely resuming activity and play for baseball in Victoria.

“There’s no doubt this year has been challenging in many aspects, not only in our sport but for our wider Victorian community. We have come together to do what’s best for Victoria as a whole, and we greatly appreciate the patience of our Victorian baseballers as we navigated the changing COVID landscape and worked to achieve the safest outcomes for our members,” Baseball Victoria President Myles Foreman said. “After months of lockdown and planning, we are so pleased to be in a position to fully return to activity and play. This would not be possible without our amazing volunteers, from club presidents and secretaries to coaches and groundskeepers, who have worked tirelessly to get baseball back up and running while following government guidelines. Safety remains our top priority across all levels of Victorian baseball and we look forward to seeing our members back on the diamond for a safe and successful summer season.”

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide the Office of Sport and Recreation Victoria, Local Government and Councils and the associated government department(s) that manage venues and facilities throughout the state with a comprehensive strategy of a ‘Return to Activity’ and a ‘Return to Play.’

All information provided is sourced from relevant national and state government departments and strictly follows the guidelines as prepared by Sport Australia in the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 environment](#) and the Department of Sport and Recreation Victoria. In an evolving landscape with COVID-19, the recommendations and guidelines detailed in this document will be updated regularly in line with national and state announcements.

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DOCUMENT VERSIONS

DOCUMENT VERSION	APPLICABLE DATES	CHANGES
Version One	25 May 2020 – 1 June 2020	Return to Activity
Version Two	1 June 2020 – Onwards	Activity Groups from 10 to 20 athletes
Version Three – A	19 June 2020 – Onwards	Continued Activity – 20 athletes Return to Contact Training – 20 athletes, Return to Baseball – Full Competition
Version Three – B	24 June 2020	Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball
Version Three – C	30 June 2020	Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball, Lockdown Postcode Information
Version Three – D	4 July 2020	Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball, ADDITION – Lockdown Postcode Information – 2 additional postcodes
Version Four	9 July 2020	Melbourne Metro and Mitchell Shire Lockdown – Continued Activity in Regional Victoria
Version Five	2 August 2020	Victorian Update Restrictions, Stage 4 Melbourne, Stage 3 Regional Victoria
Version 6	15 September 2020	Metro Melbourne, Remains the SAME Regional Victoria, Step 3, Return to Junior Play and Senior Non-Contact Training in small groups
Version 7	23 September 2020	Updated to include Full Regional Victoria and Metro Melbourne RoadMap, updated specific small group training information
Version 8	18 October 2020	Updated Victorian Government Restrictions for Metro and Regional Victoria
Version 9	28 October 2020	Updated Victorian Government Restrictions for Metro and Regional Victoria – Return to Activity
Version 10	3 November 2020	Updated to include COVID Safe Plan
Version 11	8 November 2020	Changes to Restrictions, Roadmap next steps.
Version 12	22 November 2020	Additional Easing of Restrictions in to the 'Last Step' of the Government RoadMap.
Version 13	6 December 2020	Additional Easing of Restrictions for COVID Summer.
Version 14	4 February 2021	Updated restrictions, return to NYE dated restrictions.
Version 15	5 March 2021	Update to new masks restrictions.

KEY PRINCIPLES

In addition to the [National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities](#) published by the Australian Government on 2 May 2020, Baseball Victoria is adhering to the following guidelines as part of the national family of baseball states and territories:

1. GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

1. Baseball Victoria will follow any direction from the State and Federal Government and align with the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport](#).
2. Baseball Victoria will review activities as directed by the State Government should restrictions or guidelines be amended or updated.
3. Baseball Victoria encourages the use of the Australian Government's [COVIDSafe App](#).

2. GOOD HYGIENE

1. Hand hygiene facilities or products must be available to all participants and attendees. This includes access to a sink and soap for handwashing and/or hand sanitiser with over 60 percent alcohol.
2. Avoid sharing equipment or apparel.
3. Minimise catering or shared food/drink facilities.
4. Frequently touched surfaces, work areas and equipment are cleaned thoroughly.

3. SOCIAL DISTANCING

1. Maintain social distancing measures. In accordance with the AIS principle of *'Get in, train and get out,'* this means participants should come prepared to training and games, as well as quickly pack up and leave once their activities have finished.

2. Return to Activity will see no use of any indoor facilities, Return to Play will see restricted use of indoor facilities.
3. No mass gatherings including club or committee meetings, team meetings, on field huddles or game discussions. Baseball Victoria supports the use of video and telephone conference technology to replace face to face interaction.
4. Limits on the amount of people attending training and game play.
5. Signage will be provided by Baseball Victoria. This signage will be customisable for clubs to convey important social distancing, hygiene and cleaning protocols.

4. RESTRICTIONS

Under **no** circumstances should anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 attend any baseball training, games or events.

This includes any fever, respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, sore throat, cough, fatigue, or lack of sense or smell.

Under **no** circumstances should anyone attend the event if they have been:

- i. overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- ii. in contact with someone who has been overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- iii. in contact with a known COVID-19 positive case in the previous 14 days.

5. MONITORING

1. A COVID-19 Officer will be appointed at each club to ensure protocols are undertaken and maintained.
2. In addition to encouraging all participants to download the [COVIDSafe App](#),
 1. all participants will be required to register with SportsTG that they are attending training, including any club committee members or coaching staff;
 2. all clubs will maintain a register of attendees, including dates and times, and this information will be shared with and monitored by Baseball Victoria.

6. GENERAL

1. Safety of all participants and the wider community is the top priority for Baseball Victoria and underpins all decisions related to the Return to Activity and Return to Play.
2. Resumption of Baseball Victoria activities of Baseball Victoria activities should not compromise the health of individuals or the community.
3. The resumption of Baseball Victoria activities will contribute to the health, economic, social and cultural benefits of the participants and wider Victorian community.

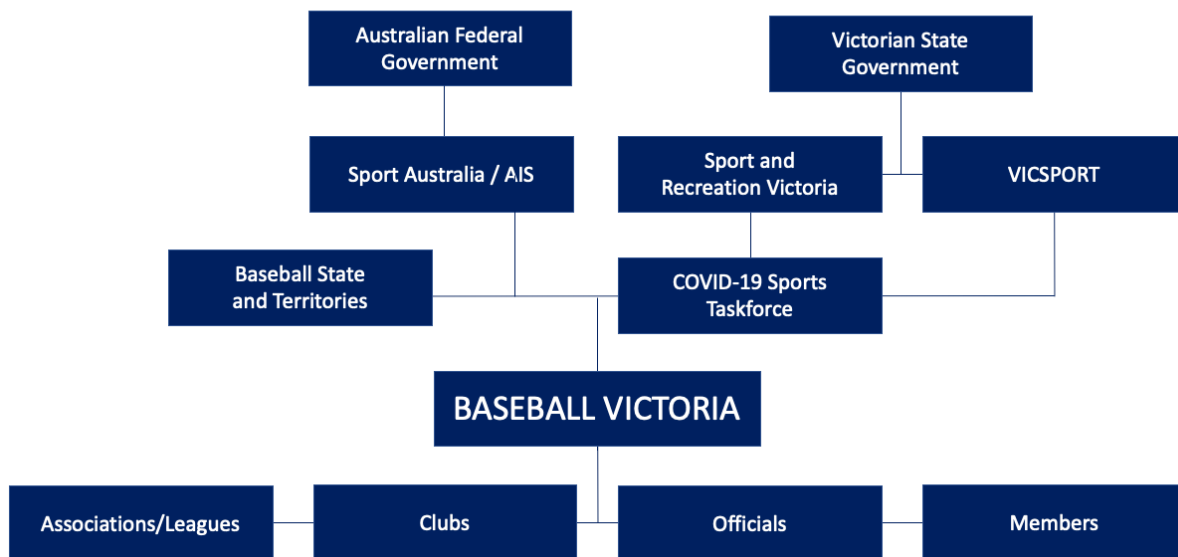


RESOURCES

Baseball Victoria will provide links to all resource documentation on the [Baseball Victoria website](#), to be updated regularly and available to all clubs and members.

COMMUNICATION STRUCTURE

Baseball Victoria's communication structure receives and provides information as follows:



All communication including updates to materials and roll back to together activity restrictions would be communicated directly to members via email, via the Baseball Victoria website (www.baseballvictoria.com.au) and via the Baseball Victoria social media channels.

RETURN TO SPORT ROADMAP

In alignment with the Victorian Governments Roadmap to a COVID Normal, below is a sport specific summary to be considered in conjunction with the overarching public gathering, face covering and COVID hygiene requirements.

As at 5 February 2021, Victoria remains in the LAST STEP, with the additional Face Mask requirements.

CURRENT REGIONAL VICTORIA AND METRO MELBOURNE

CATEGORY	CURRENT POSITION IN VICTORIA – Last Step
Exercise and recreation	<p>Indoor physical recreation and community sport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted for all ages • No patron caps with a density quotient of 1 per 4sqm for each space. • Gym and exercise classes limited to 50 people (excluding anyone necessary for running the class). COVID Marshals required when gyms are staffed. • At times when gyms are unstaffed, a density quotient of 1 per 8 sqm applies. • Signage must state the number of people permitted inside, wipes and disinfectant must be supplied for use by patrons, and record keeping is required and venues with capacity of greater than 500 patrons must publish a COVIDSafe Plan online. <p>Outdoor physical recreation and community sport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted for all ages • Up to a maximum of 100 patrons for outdoor fitness classes with a density quotient of 1 per 2sqm. • Record keeping is required and venues with capacity of greater than 500 patrons must publish a COVIDSafe Plan online. <p>Pools, including swimming classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor venues open with a density quotient of 1 per 4 sqm. • Outdoor pools open with a density quotient of 1 per 2 sqm. • Record keeping is required. <p>Outdoor communal gym equipment: Open</p> <p>Publicly accessible playgrounds: Open</p>

For more detail on these changes, please see the [Summary of COVIDSafe Summer Restrictions](#).

RESTRICTIONS - CURRENT

From 3 February 2021 from 11:59PM

RETURN TO ACTIVITY

Currently applicable to all of Victoria

Activity can now recommence for outdoor community sport in no more than groups of 100.

Baseball Victoria Summer Clubs will continue to provide their training registration forms, and match day information will act as the register for players and officials at each game. Players must be registered to train and registered to play.

Baseball Victoria will continue with its Return to Activity as follows:

CLUBS

- All Clubs need to nominate a COVID-19 Coordinator, who will be the Baseball Victoria direct contact for updated information and compliance.
- Clubs can now access outdoor facilities including batting cages for training while maintaining social distancing rules (1.5 metres apart, 4 square metre rule).
- Clubs can now access toilet facilities.
- Clubs can access indoor club room and change room facilities as per their Local Council Requirements.

JUNIORS

- Junior full contact training can commence.
- Junior full contact competition can commence.

ADULTS

- Adults full contact training can commence.
- Adults full contact competition can commence.
- Practice Games can commence, intra-club and intra-competition.
- Were intra-competition practices matches are conducted, they will be reported to Baseball Victoria.

RETURN TO PLAY

From 3 February 2021 from 11:59PM

Baseball Victoria continues to develop the return to play protocols in line with government restrictions. Hygiene, social distancing, monitoring and testing protocols described previously still apply. Refer to the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport](#).

RESTRICTIONS:

- Full training activities, including contact activities.
- Australian Government Health Department resources will be prominently displayed in the facilities and entry points, including handwashing, social distancing and cough advice.
- Officials and players to maintain 1.5 metres distance between each other at all times, unless during game play. Scorers desk to be cleaned during the game.
- Entry into venue and exit out of venue to be clearly identified if possible, with arrows on the ground. Designated area for incoming teams (both home and away) to gather and warm up at the venue. Limited physical contact and coming together in tight huddles during training or games.
- Access to support and treatment officials for strapping or massage is limited.
- Sports medicine equipment that used for more than one person must be sterilised between uses.
- Treatment officials to wear required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in line with Victorian Department of Health and Human Services recommendations.
- Personal drink bottles only.
- Provide external benches/chairs at the facility to maintain physical distancing on the bench.
- Treatment equipment to be wiped down and sanitised before and after each use.
- Venues to be secure with a single access point for players, officials and other personnel required at venue (such as umpires, security, media). Records of attendees to be maintained for each match.
- Entry and Exit points should be marked with signage and communicated to athletes and officials prior to commencing competition.
- Where possible, pick up and drop off zones should be established in car parks or at the front entrance to a facility to clearly indicate where people should wait, while maintaining social distance, for drop off or collection from the facility.
- Venues and accessed areas to be cleaned and sanitised before and after each use.
- Minimum contact of non-essential surfaces to occur and hands on treatment should be kept to essential only.
- *Masks are strongly recommended to be worn on the field, where social distancing cannot be maintained, on the bench, while in groups or where a player determined it is their personal preference to wear a mask, they may do so at anytime.*
- *Masks must be carried with players, officials, club members, staff and spectators at all times.*

Face masks (Updated)

- Victoria returns to COVIDSafe settings from 11:59pm Friday 26 February 2021.
- You must always carry a face mask with you at all times when you leave the home, unless you have a lawful reason not to.
- Face masks must be worn:
 - on public transport, in commercial passenger vehicles such as taxis and ride share vehicles, and in tour vehicles
 - by visitors to a hospital
 - by visitors at a care facility (while indoors)
 - indoors at shopping centres, retail facilities with 2,000 or more square metres of indoor space, markets and market stalls
 - on flights to and from Victoria and
 - at airports
 - if you are diagnosed or suspected of having COVID-19, or a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19, when leaving your home or accommodation for a permitted reason, such as medical care or to get tested
 - while awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test when leaving your home or accommodation for a permitted reason, such as medical care (except as part of a surveillance or other asymptomatic testing program)
 - while experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- It is strongly recommended you wear a face mask when at a private gathering or when you cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people (such as outdoor markets, outdoor concerts, street markets, at a busy bus stop or train station platform).
- There are a number of lawful reasons to not wear a face mask.

Baseball Victoria has prepared a list of frequently asked questions, which will be regularly updated on our website [HERE](#).

COVIDSafe PLAN

Extracted from the COVIDSafe Plan has been developed to support businesses to safely reopen, maintain a COVIDSafe workplace, and prepare for a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the workplace.

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
1. Ensure physical distancing	
Requirements: You must ensure volunteers and participants and spectators are 1.5m apart as much as possible.	Full Contact Training will recommence, where they may be instances where players are closer than 1.5m, however all discussions, off field activity will be conducted with social distancing
Requirements: You must apply density quotient to configure shared facilities and publicly accessible spaces to ensure that – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no more than one volunteers/ participants/ spectators per four square meters of enclosed workspace • There is no more than one member of the public per four square meters of publicly available space indoors 	When facilities are available, as part of the signage package provided by Baseball Victoria, the density signage will be displayed.
Requirements: You should provide training to workers on physical distancing expectations while working and socialising. This should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informing volunteers/ participants/ spectators to follow current public health directions when carpooling. This can be found at vic.gov.au • Informing volunteers/ participants/ spectators to work from home wherever possible 	Information on car pooling provided in this Plan to all Baseball Victoria Participants (See General Requirements). Where meetings are conducted indoors, masks are required and all meeting must be conducted with consideration to density quotas.
2. Wear a face covering	
Requirements: You must ensure all workers and visitors entering the worksite wear a face covering as per public health advice. This includes – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing adequate face coverings and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to workers that do not have their own 	All volunteers/ participants/ spectators are strongly recommended to wear masks at all time, aside from when on the field there is a reasonable expectation they may be required to engage in physical activity that increasing breathing to 'huffing and puffing'. Baseball Victoria Club have disposable masks available to volunteers/ participants/ spectators on request.

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
Requirements: You should install screens or barriers in the workspace for additional protection where relevant.	Applicable where necessary for canteen/food service or bar products at the requirements of the Club's COVID Plan for hospitality.
Requirements: You should provide training, instruction and guidance on how to correctly fit, use and dispose of PPE. You should inform volunteers/ participants/ spectators that cloth masks should be washed each day after use. However, if during the day the mask is visibly dirty or wet, the mask needs to be washed immediately.	Information on masks provided as part of this Plan to all volunteers/ participants/ spectators (see General Requirements).
3. Practise good hygiene	
Requirements: You must frequently and regularly clean and disinfect shared spaces, including high-touch communal items such as doorknobs and telephones.	Cleaning will be conducted in accordance with local council facilities requirements. High touch areas outside at the facilities, i.e. benches, fence entries, or equipment is cleaned after each use.
You should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean surfaces with appropriate cleaning products, including detergent and disinfectant • Replace high-touch communal items with hygienic alternatives, for example single-use or contactless options, where possible to do so • Clean between shifts 	Cleaning will be conducted in accordance with local council facilities requirements.
• You should display a cleaning log in shared spaces.	Provided.
• You should make soap and hand sanitiser available for all volunteers/ participants/ spectators throughout the field/sporting space and encourage regular handwashing.	Provided as part of outdoor training, sanitation required before and after training, as well as every 20 minutes during training (see General Requirements).
4. Keep records and act quickly if workers become unwell	
Requirements: You must enable volunteers/ participants/ spectators workers to get tested and stay home even if they only have mild symptoms.	Information provided as part of this Plan (see General Requirements).

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
<p>Requirements: You must develop a business contingency plan to manage any outbreaks. This includes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to respond to a volunteers/ participants/ spectators being notified they are a positive case while having participated in sport, noting volunteers/ participants/ spectators who show symptoms or have been in close contact should NOT attend the sport until they receive their test results 	<p>Baseball Victoria's record keeping includes contact details and options to notify all volunteers/ participants/ spectators effected by any positive case. (see General Requirements, Baseball Victoria Notification Structure)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to identify and notify close contacts in the event of a positive case attending the field/sporting space during their infectious period 	<p>Baseball Victoria's registration and training session listings include contact details.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to contact DHHS and notify the actions taken, provide a copy of the risk assessment conducted and contact details of any close contacts 	<p>Participants via Clubs or directly are required to notify Baseball Victoria of any positive case and where it has not already been done, Baseball Victoria would immediately contact DHHS.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to immediately notify WorkSafe Victoria on 13 23 60 if you have identified a person with coronavirus (COVID-19) within a club or the sport overall 	<p>Where these are not specific workplaces, but facilities, as part of the Baseball Victoria notification structure (see General Requirements, Baseball Victoria Notification Structure)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan in the event that you have been instructed to cease activity by DHHS 	<p>Baseball Victoria is able to cease activity as required and notify participants.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan to re-open the sport/club/ sports area once agreed by DHHS and notify volunteers/ participants/ spectators they can return to participation 	<p>Baseball Victoria is able to re-commence activity as required and notify participants.</p>
<p>Requirements: You must keep records of all people who enter participate for contact tracing.</p>	<p>Baseball Victoria has a system of registration for all training participants, coaches and volunteers. [Link to BV Website, Registration]</p> <p>All participants at every training session are recorded [Link to BV Website]</p> <p>All training registrations and training session records are maintained by Baseball Victoria and reviewed daily to ensure all participants are registered.</p>

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
Requirements: You should implement a screening system that involves temperature checking upon entry into a workplace.	Not currently applied to outdoor training for community participation, but this practice is part of high-performance training (Melbourne Aces, Melbourne Aces Academy).
5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces	
Requirements: You should reduce the amount of time volunteers/ participants/ spectators are spending in enclosed spaces. This could include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling working in outdoor environments • Moving as much activity outside as possible, including serving customers, meetings, tearooms, lunchbreaks and locker rooms • Enhancing airflow by opening windows and doors • Optimising fresh air flow in air conditioning systems 	<p>Consideration given to where this is possible.</p> <p>Baseball Victoria continues to provide online meeting options.</p>
6. Create workforce bubbles	
Requirements: You should keep groups of volunteers/ participants/ spectators rostered on the same shifts at a single worksite and ensure there is no overlap of volunteer/ participant/ spectator occurs during shift changes.	This will form part of hospitality COVID Plans.
Requirements: Maintain records of all volunteers/ participants/ spectators who have disclosed that they reside with another volunteer/ participant/ spectator and ensure that there is no cross-over between shifts.	This will form part of hospitality COVID Plans.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

HYGIENE

The following general hygiene practices for players and officials always apply, in line with government advice:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Wash or sanitise your hands before eating (all players and officials should have personal hand sanitiser).
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth to cough or sneeze (using your elbow).
- No sharing of towels/water bottles/food, including lolly or fruit bowls.
- Any areas (meeting rooms, treatment rooms, change rooms etc) accessed by players and officials to be comprehensively cleaned and sanitised after each use.
- Clubs to take steps to adequately clean and disinfect player facilities (once available) before and after use.
- Clubs must do all they can to reinforce the above precautions, including making appropriate hand washing facilities available, as well as the provision of alcohol-based hand sanitiser and tissues.
- Medical officials must follow protocols as outlined in infection control training (ie: disposal of gloves in between treatments, wearing of face masks).

ADDITIONAL GAME & TRAINING HYGIENE

- Alcohol-based hand sanitisers must be available in the dugout once competition has resumed.
- Spitting and clearing of nasal/respiratory secretions on diamonds or other sport settings is not permitted.
- No sharing of headsets or computer screens/iPads, without cleaning measures in place.
- All equipment to be cleaned and disinfected prior and after sessions and games.
- No high fives, handshakes or other physical contact.



TESTING

- Any advice on testing for COVID-19 will be guided by the State Government and Health officials.
- Should any member become symptomatic, they must undergo relevant testing and follow isolation procedures until the results of the test are available.
- Any other relevant testing will be implemented at the request of health professionals.

NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE TESTS

- Any member, participant or volunteer that has a reasonable expectation or whom receives a positive test, must notify their Club or Baseball Victoria, having already adhered to the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services requirements to report and notify any positive test results.
- Any Baseball Victoria member (participant/coach/volunteer/club) can notify Baseball Victoria of any positive test or updated COVID information via the Baseball Victoria office telephone number: (03) 9645 8000 (this telephone number is connected to Baseball Victoria seven days a week, 24 hours a day) or via email to the Baseball Victoria CEO (Link: [Baseball Victoria Contact Details](#))
- All members MUST be registered to attend training (Link: [Baseball Victoria Return to Training Registration](#)).

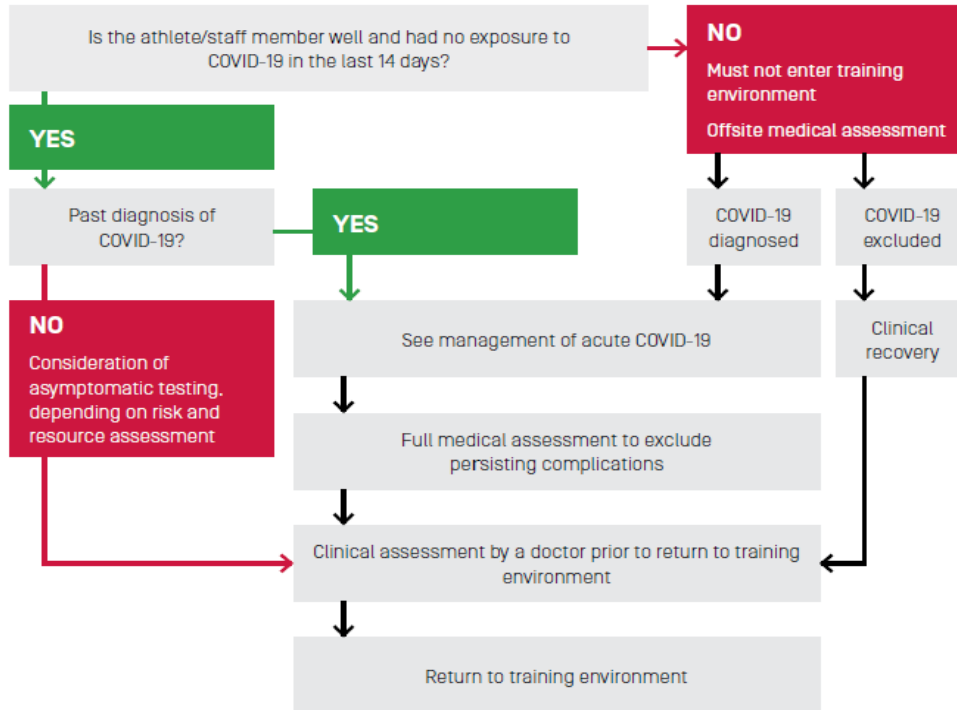
BV NOTIFICATION STRUCTURE

Baseball Victoria:

- Requires all participants, coaches, and volunteer to register to Return to Training on the Baseball Victoria [website](#).
- Registration requires contact details including current address and telephone number;
- All training sessions are required to submit a list of attendees to Baseball Victoria via the Baseball Victoria [website](#).
- Any Baseball Victoria member (participant/coach/volunteer) can notify Baseball Victoria of any positive test or updated COVID information via the Baseball Victoria office telephone number: (03) 9645 8000 (this telephone number is connected to Baseball Victoria seven days a week, 24 hours a day) or via email to the Baseball Victoria CEO (Link: [Baseball Victoria Contact Details](#))
- Baseball Victoria will notify – DHHS, Sport and Recreation Victoria, the Local Council where the case is reported and VICSPORT.
- Baseball Victoria will notify any effected participants via their provided contact details, via text message, via email, via the Baseball Victoria website <https://baseballvictoria.com.au/>

RETURN TO TRAINING ASSESSMENT

- A player/official member must not join the training or playing environment if in the last 14 days they have been unwell or had contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.



- Any player/official member who has underlying health conditions or is considered a vulnerable person should consult with a healthcare professional prior to returning to the training or match day environment. Refer to *Vulnerable Cohorts* section below.

OFFICIALS – UMPIRES AND SCORERS

Umpires, scorers and game day officials will follow the same protocols as players detailed in the Return to Activity when competition resumes. Baseball Victoria will be working with the Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria to ensure umpires are ready to commence a Return to Play.

VULNERABLE COHORTS

Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. As part of the Return to Activity with training in small groups, there will be limited coach interaction and no officials (umpires or scorers) permitted to be present. For the Return to Play, any person who is over 65 years of age or with underlying medical conditions would be required to continue to follow current social distancing requirements, and when needed, additional measures will be put into place to ensure those distancing requirements can be achieved.

SANCTIONS

If clubs are either warned or fined by Police for breaking an enforceable direction, Baseball Victoria will follow the process under the [Baseball Victoria By-Laws](#) and [Member Protection Policy](#). If Baseball Victoria is notified of an instance where a club is reported to have breached an enforceable direction, the matter will be reported to Victorian Police.

An individual found in breach of current restrictions may be fined \$1000 on the spot and a club/association/business may be fined \$5000 on the spot by the Victorian Police. Non-compliance is considered a breach of the [Baseball Victoria Member Protection Policy](#) and [Baseball Victoria Code of Conduct](#) and as such penalties will apply.

INSURANCE

Baseball Victoria has provided insurance cover throughout the Winter and Summer shutdown of baseball activity.

Australian Baseball's insurance is provided via a national scheme with Baseball Australia, and each of the states and territories.

Baseball Insurance cover includes:

- Public & Products Liability
- Professional Indemnity
- Personal Accident
- Property & Equipment
- Management Liability (Directors & Officers Liability)
- Travel Insurance
- Cyber Liability and Privacy Protection

Copies of all Baseball Victoria/Baseball Australia Policy statements can be accessed [HERE](#).

Certificates of Currency for any Baseball Club can be accessed [HERE](#).



RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

- [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 environment](#)
- [National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID-19 Club Documents](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID- 19 Club Checklist](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID-19 Club Signage](#)
- [Baseball Victorian Insurance – Certificates of Currency](#)
- [Australian Government COVID-19 Information](#)
- [COVIDSafe App](#)
- [Victorian Government COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)
- [Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services](#)

