Baseball Return to Play COVIDSafe Plan

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Baseball Victoria, it's 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.

## **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 <u>AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19</u> 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 Reginal 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            |
| Version o         | 10 0000001 2020           | Restrictions for Metro and Regional     |
|                   |                           | Victoria                                |
| Version 9         | 28 October 2020           | Updated Victorian Government            |
| Version 5         | 20 0000001 2020           | 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   |
| Version II        | S November 2020           | steps.                                  |
| Version 12        | 22 November 2020          | Additional Easing of Restrictions in to |
|                   | 22 November 2020          | the 'Last Step' of the Government       |
|                   |                           | RoadMap.                                |
| Version 13        | 6 December 2020           | Additional Easing of Restrictions for   |
| VEISION 15        | o December 2020           | COVID Summer.                           |
| Version 14        | 4 Eobruary 2021           | Updated restrictions, return to NYE     |
| version 14        | 4 February 2021           |   |
| Varcian 15        | E March 2021              | Dated restrictions.                     |
| Version 15        | 5 March 2021              | Update to new masks restrictions.       |
| Version 16        | 17 May 2021               | Updated restrictions, hot spot          |
|                   |                           | instructions                            |

## **KEY PRINCPLES**

In addition to the <u>National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities</u> 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 <u>AIS Framework for Rebooting</u> 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 <u>COVIDSafe App</u>.

## 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 <u>COVIDSafe App</u>,

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

 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.
 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.

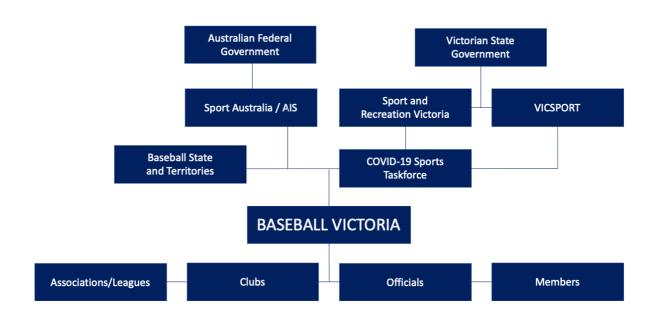


## RESOURCES

Baseball Victoria will provide links to all resource documentation on the <u>Baseball Victoria website</u>, 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 (<u>www.baseballvictoria.com.au</u>) 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 Friday, 9 April 2021, Victoria remains in the LAST STEP of the COVID ROADMAP.

## CURRENT REGIONAL VICTORIA AND METRO MELBOURNE

| CATEGORY                   | CURRENT POSITION IN VICTORIA – Last Step   |
|----------------------------|--|
| Exercise and<br>recreation | <ul> <li>No cap on gym and exercise classes (indoors or outdoors).</li> <li>Indoor physical recreation and community sports facilities can operate subject to changed density limits of 1 per 2sqm when staffed.</li> <li>Density limit of 1 person per two square metres. Except for unstaffed gyms, which must apply a density limit of 1 person per four square metres.</li> <li>Unstaffed gyms must apply a density limit of one person per four square metres.</li> </ul> |

For more detail on these changes, please see the <u>COVID Safe Information for all Victorians</u>.

# **RESTRICTIONS - CURRENT**

## From Friday, 9 April 2021 from 11:59PM

## **RETURN TO ACTIVITY** Currently appliable 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 Friday, 9 April 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 <u>AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport</u>.

## **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 must be carried with players, officials, club members, staff and spectators at all times.

## Face masks (Updated, 9 April 2021)

- You must carry a face mask with you when you leave home.
- Face masks must be worn in the following settings, unless an exception applies:
  - on public transport, in commercial passenger vehicles such as taxis and ride share vehicles, and in tour vehicles
  - by visitors to a hospital or care facility (while indoors)
  - o on flights to and from Victoria
  - o indoors at airports
  - if you are diagnosed with 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.

Baseball Victoria has prepared a list of frequently asked questions, which will be regularly updated on our website <u>HERE</u>.

# **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  |   |  |
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| 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,<br>where they may be instances where<br>players are closer than 1.5m, however<br>all discussions, off field activity will be<br>conducted with social distancing where<br>possible.  |  |
| <ul> <li>Requirements: You must apply density quotient to configure shared facilities and publicly accessible spaces to ensure that –</li> <li>There is no more than one volunteers/ participants/ spectators per four square meters of enclosed workspace</li> <li>There is no more than one member of the public per four square meters of publicly available space indoors</li> </ul>   | When facilities are available, as part of<br>the signage package provided by<br>Baseball Victoria, the density signage<br>will be displayed.  |  |
| <ul> <li>Requirements: You should provide training to workers<br/>on physical distancing expectations while working and<br/>socialising. This should include: <ul> <li>Informing volunteers/ participants/ spectators<br/>to follow current public health directions when<br/>carpooling. This can be found at vic.gov.au</li> <li>Informing volunteers/ participants/ spectators<br/>to work from home wherever possible</li> </ul></li></ul> | Information on car pooling provided in<br>this Plan to all Baseball Victoria<br>Participants (See General<br>Requirements).   |  |
| 2. Wear a face covering  |   |  |
| <ul> <li>Requirements: You must ensure all workers and visitors entering the worksite wear a face covering as per public health advice. This includes –</li> <li>Providing adequate face coverings and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to workers that do not have their own</li> </ul>  | All volunteers/ participants/ spectators<br>are strongly recommended to wear<br>masks at all time where they cannot<br>use social distancing, aside from when<br>on the field there is a reasonable<br>expectation they may be required to<br>engage in physical activity that<br>increasing breathing to 'huffing and<br>puffing'. |  |
|  | Baseball Victoria Club have disposable<br>masks available to volunteers/<br>participants/ spectators on request.  |  |
| Requirements: You should install screens or barriers in the workspace for additional protection where relevant.  | Applicable where necessary for<br>canteen/food service or bar products<br>at the requirements of the Club's<br>COVID Plan for hospitality.  |  |

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| and gu<br>PPE.<br>You sh<br>that cl<br>Howey        | rements: You should provide training, instruction<br>aidance on how to correctly fit, use and dispose of<br>nould inform volunteers/ participants/ spectators<br>oth masks should be washed each day after use.<br>ver, if during the day the mask is visibly dirty or<br>ne mask needs to be washed immediately.              | Information on masks provided as part<br>of this Plan to all volunteers/<br>participants/ spectators (see <u>General</u><br><u>Requirements</u> ).   |
|   | tise good hygiene  |  |
| Requir<br>and dis                                   | ements: You must frequently and regularly clean<br>sinfect shared spaces, including high-touch<br>unal items such as doorknobs and telephones.   | Cleaning will be conducted in<br>accordance with local council facilities<br>requirements.<br>High touch areas outside at the<br>facilities, i.e. benches, fence entries, or<br>equipment is cleaned after each use. |
| You sh  | ould:  | Cleaning will be conducted in  |
| •   | Clean surfaces with appropriate cleaning<br>products, including detergent and disinfectant<br>Replace high-touch communal items with<br>hygienic alternatives, for example single-use or<br>contactless options, where possible to do so<br>Clean between shifts   | accordance with local council facilities requirements.   |
| •   | You should display a cleaning log in shared  | Provided.  |
|   | spaces.  |  |
| •   | You should make soap and hand sanitiser<br>available for all volunteers/ participants/<br>spectators throughout the field/sporting space<br>and encourage regular handwashing.   | Provided as part of outdoor training,<br>sanitation required before and after<br>training, as well as every 20 minutes<br>during training (see <u>General</u><br><u>Requirements</u> ).                              |
| 4. Kee  | p records and act quickly if workers become unwell   |  |
| Requir<br>partici                                   | rements: You must enable volunteers/<br>pants/ spectators workers to get tested and stay<br>even if they only have mild symptoms.  | Information provided as part of this Plan (see <u>General Requirements</u> ).  |
|   | ements: You must develop a business  | Baseball Victoria's record keeping   |
|   | gency plan to manage any outbreaks. This   | includes contact details and options to  |
| include   |  | notify all volunteers/ participants/   |
| •   | Having a plan to respond to a volunteers/<br>participants/ spectators being notified they are<br>a positive case while having participated in<br>sport, noting volunteers/ participants/<br>spectators who show symptoms or have been<br>in close contact should NOT attend the sport<br>until they receive their test results | spectators effected by any positive<br>case.<br>(see <u>General Requirements, Baseball</u><br><u>Victoria Notification Structure</u> )   |
| •   | Having a plan to identify and notify close<br>contacts in the event of a positive case<br>attending the field/sporting space during their<br>infectious period   | Baseball Victoria's registration and training session listings include contact details.  |

| •  | Having a plan to contact DUUS and notify the  | Participants via Clubs or directly are                   |
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| •  | Having a plan to contact DHHS and notify the<br>actions taken, provide a copy of the risk | required to notify Baseball Victoria of                  |
|  | assessment conducted and contact details of   | any positive case and where it has not                   |
|  | any close contacts  | already been done, Baseball Victoria                     |
|  |   | would immediately contact DHHS.                          |
| •  | Having a plan to immediately notify WorkSafe  | Where these are not specific                             |
|  | Victoria on 13 23 60 if you have identified a   | workplaces, but facilities, as part of the               |
|  | person with coronavirus (COVID-19) within a   | Baseball Victoria notification structure                 |
|  | club or the sport overall   | (see General Requirements, Baseball                      |
|  |   | Victoria Notification Structure                          |
| •  | Having a plan in the event that you have been   | Baseball Victoria is able to cease                       |
|  | instructed to cease activity by DHHS  | activity as required and notify                          |
|  |   | participants.  |
| •  | Having a plan to re-open the sport/club/ sports   | Baseball Victoria is able to re-                         |
|  | area once agreed by DHHS and notify   | commence activity as required and                        |
|  | volunteers/ participants/ spectators they can   | notify participants.                                     |
| Requi  | return to participation<br>rements: You must keep records of all people who               | Baseball Victoria has a system of                        |
| •  | participate for contact tracing.  | registration for all training participants,              |
|  |   | coaches and volunteers.                                  |
|  |   | [Link to BV Website, Registration]                       |
|  |   |  |
|  |   | All participants at every training session               |
|  |   | are recorded [Link to <u>BV Website, VSBL</u>            |
|  |   | <u>Forms</u> ]   |
|  |   |  |
|  |   | All locations will be using the Secure                   |
|  |   | Victoria, <u>Victorian Government QR</u><br>Code System. |
|  |   | <u>code system</u> .                                     |
| Reaui  | rements: You should implement a screening   | Not currently applied to outdoor                         |
| system that involves temperature checking upon entry |   | training for community participation,                    |
| •  | workplace.  | but this practice is part of high-                       |
|  |   | performance training (Melbourne Aces,                    |
|  |   | Melbourne Aces Academy).                                 |
|  | oid interactions in enclosed spaces   |  |
| -  | rements: You should reduce the amount of time   | Consideration given to where this is                     |
|  | teers/ participants/ spectators are spending in   | possible.  |
| enclos   | sed spaces. This could include –  | Pasaball Victoria continues to marchine                  |
| •  | Enabling working in outdoor environments  | Baseball Victoria continues to provide                   |
| •  | Moving as much activity outside as possible,  | online meeting options.                                  |
|  | including serving customers, meetings,<br>tearooms, lunchbreaks and locker rooms          |  |
| •  | Enhancing airflow by opening windows and  |  |
| -  | doors   |  |
|  | Optimising fresh air flow in air conditioning   |  |
| •  |   |  |
| •  | systems   |  |

| COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS  |  |
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| Requirements: You should keep groups of volunteers/<br>participants/ spectators rostered on the same shifts at a<br>single worksite and ensure there is no overlap of<br>volunteer/ participant/ spectator occurs during shift<br>changes. | This will form part of hospitality COVID<br>Plans. |
| Requirements: Maintain records of all volunteers/<br>participants/ spectators who have disclosed that they<br>reside with another volunteer/ participant/ spectator<br>and ensure that there is no cross-over between shifts.              | This will form part of hospitality COVID<br>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.
- 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.



## 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.

### "HOT SPOTS" aka PUBLIC EXPOSURE SITES

Where Public Exposure Sites also known as "Hot Spots" are identified by any State, Territory or the Federal Government, players and officials must follow the directions for those exposure sites and where necessary not attend baseball activity in line with those directions (to isolate, quarantine or await test results).

### 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: <u>Baseball Victoria Contact</u> <u>Details</u>)
- All members MUST be registered to attend training (Link: <u>Baseball Victoria, Return to Training</u> <u>Registration</u>).

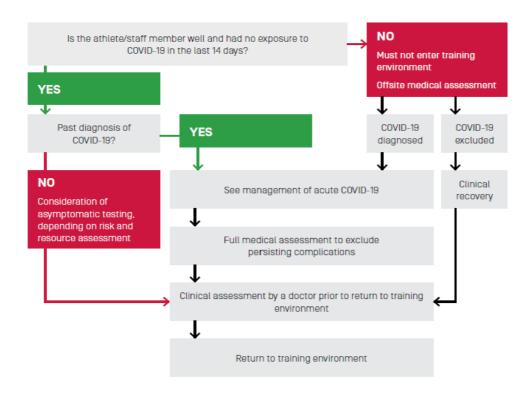
## **BV NOTIFICATION STRUCTURE**

**Baseball Victoria:** 

- Requires all participants, coaches and volunteer to register to Return to Training (Link: <u>Baseball</u> <u>Victoria, Return to Training Registration</u>);
- Registration requires contact details including current address and telephone number;
- All training sessions are required to submit a list of attendees to Baseball Victoria (Link: <u>Baseball</u> <u>Victoria, Return to Training Attendance</u>);
- 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: <u>Baseball Victoria Contact Details</u>)
- 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 <a href="https://baseballvictoria.com.au/">https://baseballvictoria.com.au/</a>

### **RETURN TO PLAY 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 <u>Baseball Victoria By-Laws</u> and <u>Member Protection Policy</u>. 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 <u>Baseball Victoria Member Protection Policy</u> and <u>Baseball Victoria Code of Conduct</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>.



## **RESOURCE DOCUMENTS**

- AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 environment
- <u>National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities</u>
- <u>Baseball Victoria Website COVID-19 Updates</u>
- <u>Baseball Victoria Website Frequently Asked Questions</u>
- <u>Baseball Victoria Website COVID-19 Club Documents</u>
- Baseball Victoria Website COVID- 19 Club Checklist
- <u>Baseball Victoria Website COVID-19 Club Signage</u>
- <u>Baseball Victorian Insurance Certificates of Currency</u>
- Australian Government COVID-19 Information
- <u>COVIDSafe App</u>
- <u>Victorian Government COVID-19 Information</u>
- <u>CoronaVirus.vic.gov.au</u>
- 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. **Baseball Victoria** State Association: Affiliated Association/Club: Boneo Braves Baseball Club ATCSL00400 Policy No. Class of Insurance: **Combined Liability Insurance** Policy Wording: Combined Liability Insurance Policy Wording WRD112 v1.1 Period of Insurance: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 at 4:00 pm to 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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**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.

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