



WCSL “Return to Play” Guidelines

These guidelines are subject to change with any new information or updates from either the government or SPN

With Manitoba being one of the leaders in “flattening the curve”, we have been provided with an opportunity to be one of the first provinces to return to the ball diamonds. I know everyone has been anxious to see friends and get back to a semblance of things being normal. However, this is not the time to stop being diligent. With that in mind, we have some guidelines for our players and new operating procedures to help see us through these unique and uncertain times.

Social distancing (6 ft or 2m) MUST BE adhered to at all times when possible. Government guidelines MUST BE adhered to at all times. We understand there will be brief moments of contact and passing during gameplay. Once the play is over you must return to the appropriate distance. Same applies to the dugout and team areas. Please have your equipment and seating area at an appropriate distance from your teammates.

Teams/Players who do not follow these rules will be asked to leave with possible suspensions. We have a chance to play and have a season... we need to do our best to keep everyone healthy and at the diamonds.

Personal Care (Away from the Diamonds)

- Please complete the self screening tool the day of your scheduled game. It can be found at:
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

If you have any of these symptoms or other signs of illness, you are NOT PERMITTED to attend your game. If anyone you have come into contact with recently has these symptoms you are also NOT PERMITTED to attend.

- All players MUST accept the NEW online waiver when it becomes available. If you have already signed up online, you will receive an e-mail stating the waiver has been updated and must be re-accepted. This is a requirement from SPN. We will be monitoring team rosters and teams with less than the required amount of players will not be allowed to play.
- Team captains are in charge of making sure these guidelines are being followed. If there are any problems, the league will be putting the onus on the captains to correct the situation. Please make sure your team members understand and are willing to follow these guidelines. Those who refuse are not welcome at the diamonds.
- Gathering limits dictate no more than 50 people outdoors. We are under the impression that a diamond is a “gathering”. With the umpire included, that means a “team area” can contain no more than 24 people. Please plan your rosters and spectators accordingly.

Facility Changes

- We will have a handwashing station at each wheel.
- Porta-potties will be sanitized multiple times throughout the evening.
- "Team Areas" will be in proximity to the dugouts they are assigned to based on the schedule. Please have chairs and other equipment at an appropriate distance from your teammates. There is a lot of room out there between diamonds. Spectators are included in these guidelines.

Personal Care (at the diamonds)

- Face masks are recommended.
- Sharing of personal equipment is not recommended.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer.
- Coughing and sneezing should be done into your elbow.
- Please refrain from handshakes, high-five and any other contact with people outside of your household.
- Please refrain from touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- No spitting.
- After games, please clean up ALL garbage from your team area. This is a requirement. Teams who refuse to keep their areas clean will be warned and possibly asked to not return.
- Socializing before and after games is not recommended but we realize there are some people you haven't seen in a while. Please maintain the 6 foot distance and keep socializing as brief as possible.

Gameplay Changes -

- Each dugout will have a sanitizing solution and towel to be used for the following procedures.
- Each team will be provided with two Hot Dots to be used while they are on defense. There will be a basket that they will be placed in before and after the games. They will be sanitized before, during and after the games.
- The umpire will not handle any equipment during the game.
- The team captains will provide the umpire with the batting order and subs before each game. All that is required is first name and last initial. This card will only be handled by the umpire.
- The uniform rule has been put on hold for the time being. Matching colour shirts are recommended but not required.
- Personal bats and gloves are recommended. We realize not everyone has their own bat and some will be shared but please sanitize before use.
- There will be no handshakes or high-fives after the completion of the games.
- After brief moments of contact or close proximity, please return to the 6 foot distance as soon as possible.

If you have any questions/concerns about these guidelines please e-mail us. If we can keep each other safe and healthy, we can have a season! Thanks for being diligent!

See you on the diamonds!

WCSL Executive