



COVID-19 Baseball Safety Guidelines

Coaches, managers and scorekeepers

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Do you have symptoms?

Have you had Exposure?

If you answered yes, then follow government guidelines and avoid attending event.

- All coaches, spectators, players, managers, officials, scorekeepers and coaches should adhere to government social distancing guidelines.
- Coaches, managers and scorekeepers are encouraged to wear a face mask or facial covering (but it is not mandatory) while attending. Follow government guidelines link.
- Adults 70 years and older and people of any age who have severe underlying medical conditions are strongly encouraged not to attend events at this time.
- You are encouraged to bring personal hand sanitiser, face coverings (masks), rubber gloves, antibacterial wipes to events for personal use.
- No sharing of equipment or writing materials. Agree with umpires on any modifications before the game, exercising government social distancing guidelines.
- Avoid shaking hands, hugs, celebrating or touching.
- Avoid arguing with officials. Dugouts could be expanded outside of the fence, with the safety of the players and coaches in mind and not in foul territory when necessary.
- Only players and coaches allowed in dugouts.
- Rosters of up to 25 players on a team, however, e.g., only up to a combination of 14 players, coaches and manager combined on one side for a game.
- Base coaches should maintain social distance from players at all times.
- Conversations between coach and umpire must keep government social distancing guidelines.
- Teams must wait until the prior team is entirely off the field from dugout before entering. Conferences (pitchers) on the field must follow government social distancing guidelines.
- No interaction with spectators.
- No water cooler service provided for the dugouts. Teams need to bring a minimum of three new baseballs per game.
- Minimise and if at all possible avoid conferences with players, coaches or managers before, during and after the game.
- Batting practises, and pre-game warmups will be limited in time, and teams need to adhere to government social distancing guidelines.
- Home and away team may only use their baseballs and minimise sharing.
- Avoid sharing equipment. If required, (helmets) sanitise it (inside and out) before and after use promptly.
- Assign someone to sanitise equipment promptly when in contact with another. He or she needs to take extra pre-cautions to sanitise equipment e.g., it is suggested to wear face covering (mask), rubber gloves, and dispose of rubbish promptly.
- The player should place any item (arm or shin guard) which the hitter or runner wishes to discard during play on the boundary's edge.
- All clubs should provide the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) for the safe delivery of first aid, such as facemasks or gloves.
- Clubs must keep a register of all those participating in a baseball activity, and their contact details, for 21 days to assist NHS Track & Trace where necessary. BBF members are required to register with them separately for insurance purposes.
- Scorekeepers should avoid unnecessary contact with participants.
- Text lineups where possible can be texted to one another.
- Scorekeepers should remain away from the field and dugouts and practise government social distancing guidelines.
- No pre-game or post game celebrations or award ceremonies on or off the fields.
- Refrain from spitting, chewing gum, eating (sunflower seeds) or rinsing out your mouth.

NHS useful [link](#)