



2021 Return To Sport COVID-19 Guidelines

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BASEBALL MILTON



Attendance, Screening, and Waiver

- All players, volunteers, and coaches will need to complete an online attendance tracker, screening, and waiver form prior to attending any event (practice or games).
- Spectators do not have to complete this form.
- The form can be found at:

baseballmilton.com/forms/house-league-attendance-screening-and-waiver



Sanitization

- All teams will be provided with a bottle of sanitizer.
- Use of sanitizer by younger children must be monitored.
- All participants must sanitize:
 - every 30 minutes during practice
 - every half inning during games.



Physical Distancing

- Maintain minimum of 2 metres distancing during physical activity, including warm ups, pre-game and post-game activities, wherever possible.
- Use of dugouts should be avoided where safe physical distance cannot be maintained.
- Use as much space as required outside the dugout (but in safe areas outside of the field of play) to maintain adequate physical distance.
- Avoid congestion at points of entry to the diamond (i.e. gates, dugout doors, etc.) to allow maintenance of 2 metres distancing among participants.



Face Masks/Coverings

- Players and coaches are required to wear non-medical face masks or face coverings while off the field of play including while on the bench during the game.
- Players are encouraged to wear non-medical face masks or face coverings during play.
- Coaches in the field of play must wear non-medical face masks or face coverings when they approach a player, other coach or umpire. Coaches are encouraged to wear non-medical face masks or face coverings in other situations.



Equipment

- Sharing of equipment is strictly prohibited. This includes (but not limited to) bats, gloves, catcher's gear.
- Bats are available for loan for the season through BaseballMilton. Please contact your convenor.
- Teams will be provided 2 sets of catcher's gear. Coaches must designate no more than 2 catchers per game.
- Catcher's gear must be sanitized by the parent/guardian of the catcher at the end of the game and before returning to the coach.
- Should there be an incident involving one of the designated catchers, the other catcher will have to assume catching duties. If this is not possible, a third catcher can be assigned only after the catcher's gear has been sanitized.



Umpires

- Plate Umpire:
 - May work from behind the catcher as long as he/she is wearing a PPE mask or face covering
 - Must work 2 metres behind the pitcher if not wearing a PPE mask or face covering
- The use of hand sanitizer every half inning is required
- Umpires in the field may wear PPE masks at their discretion



In Game

- Players shall not lick their fingers, blow on their hands or otherwise go to their mouth. When a pitcher violates this rule the umpire will stop the game, the pitcher will be required to sanitize his/her hands and the game ball will be replaced.
- Tag plays are allowed, but the defensive player should vacate the area as soon as reasonably practicable following the tag.
- When first base is occupied, the defensive player at first base must wear a PPE mask if the runner is being closely guarded / held at the base.



Coaches

- Team meetings, including pitching visits, shall maintain physical distance of 2 metres minimum. A maximum of 1 person (coach or player) and the pitcher may be included in a pitching visit.
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (visor or mask, gloves) must be used by trainers (or persons performing trainer function) when assessing an injury
- If a coach must approach an umpire, physical distancing of at least 2 metres must be maintained. Failure to do so may result in ejection.
- While on offence, base coaches must always stay within their box, except to avoid a play being made in the coach's box.
- Any discussions between coaches and players (eg. batter visiting 3rd base coach; coach talking to runners, etc.) must maintain physical distancing of at least 2 metres and the coach must wear a non-medical mask or face covering.
- Pitchers, catchers, spotters and bullpen coaches must always maintain a physical distance of 2 metres while pitchers are warming up in the bullpen



Additional Notes

- No spitting
- No sunflower seeds ☹️
- No sharing of water/drinks/food
- No handshakes, fist pumps, etc.