



Delta Fastpitch Association COVID-19 Safety Plan

Delta Fastpitch Association has adopted all guidelines and protocols included in Softball BC's [*Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols*](#), released publicly on June 10, 2020.

Introductions

This safety plan will provide Delta Fastpitch Association (DFA) members with a better understanding of the guidelines and protocols put in place to provide safety and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

These guidelines are to be used along with the government and sport sectors requirements:

- Guidelines from WorkSafeBC, BC Ministry of Health, and Fraser Health Authority
- Municipal requirements (www.delta.ca/services/public-safety/covid-19)
- BC Recreation and Parks Association (www.bcrpa.bc.ca/COVIDGuideline)
- viaSport Return to Sport Guidelines for BC (www.viasport.ca/return-sport)
- Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols (www.softball.bc.ca/softball-bc-return-to-play-guidelines-and-appendixes/)

The choice to participate is yours!

DFA wants to reiterate to all members that participation in the 2020 softball season is your choice. At no time should a player or coach feel pressured into participating. We are still in uncertain times, with many changes to come over the next while.

DFA understands that there will be times where a player or coach will decide not to participate, and that is ok – the health of you and your family comes first.

General Information

DFA has been allocated three parks for the 2020 softball season:

1. North Delta Community Park, North Delta
2. Hawthorne Park, Ladner
3. Brandrith Park, Tsawwassen

Concession Stands

Concession stands will not be opened for the 2020 softball season.

Washrooms

City of Delta is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of park washrooms; however, to reduce risk, all members using DFA allocated parks must:

- Use hand sanitizer before entering the washroom;
- Use paper towel to open the door or use hand sanitizer upon leaving the washroom;
- Practice physical distance while in the washroom; and,
- City of Delta will be putting up signage for washroom capacity, this must be followed by all members of DFA

Facilities (Clubhouses, Umpire Change Room, Equipment Room)

Clubhouses:

- Only DFA Board Members will have access to the North Delta Community Park and Brandrith Park Clubhouses, when booked through the City of Delta.
- All DFA Board Members must use hand sanitizer before entering and upon leaving the clubhouses.
- No food shall be brought into the clubhouses.
- Physical distancing will be maintained while in clubhouses.

Equipment Room:

- The DFA Equipment Manager will be the only one to access the Equipment Room.
- The DFA Equipment Manager must use hand sanitizer before entering and upon leaving the Equipment Room.
- If the DFA Equipment Manager invites a member into the Equipment Room, the member will:
 - Use hand sanitizer before entering and upon leaving the Equipment Room,
 - Practice physical distancing while in the Equipment Room

Umpire Change Room:

- It is recommended that umpires come dressed for games, to limit the use of the Umpire Change Room.
- All umpires must use hand sanitizer before entering and upon leaving the Umpire Change Room.
- It is recommended that Umpires do not share equipment; if equipment must be shared, Umpires are required to disinfect equipment and let dry prior to wearing.
- Where possible, disinfect changing areas after using the Umpire Change Room.
- Practice physical distancing while using the Umpire Change Room.
- Umpire Change Room Capacity:
 - **Hawthorne Park** – no more than 2 umpires in the Umpire Change Room
 - **Brandrith and North Delta Community Park** – no more than 4 umpires in the Umpire Change Room

Outdoor Activities

Practices

- DFA will follow the Inning One guidelines and protocols outlined in the Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.
- DFA will be scheduling practices with staggered start times to promote physical distancing:
 - Example: ND #1
 - First time slot 5:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Second time slot 7:30pm – 9:30pm
- Each team will submit their field requests to membership@deltafastpitch.com and president@deltafastpitch.com; a confirmation email will be sent to the team to confirm the booking(s).
- Teams must be off the field no later than 15 minutes after their scheduled practice time has ended (e.g., practice end time is 7:00pm, teams must be off the field by 7:15pm).
- Teams will not enter the field until the previous team has left the field.
- Teams will enter the field at all parks through the visitor dugout.
- Teams will exit the field at all parks through the home dugout.
- Attendance will be taken at each softball event by the Team Attendance Tracker, this person can also act as the Team Screener.
- Each team will be responsible for sanitizing any shared field equipment and bases before and after practice. Sanitation kits will be located:
 - Brandrith and North Delta Parks – Green Box
 - Hawthorne – Base Room

Games

- DFA will follow the Inning Three guidelines and protocols outlined in the Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.
- Games will be held during one of the team's practice times. (eg. If a team is booked for practice on Tuesday at 6pm, game will replace this practice time)
- Teams will contact each other to set up a game and decide who is home and visitor.
- Coaches will submit their game request to the President (president@deltafastpitch.com), request umpires, and inform the President who is home and visitor.
- **Time limit – nothing new after 90 minutes.**
- Gatherings will be no more than 50 per diamond. Encourage spectators to spread out and limit the number of individuals attending the game. Social/Physical Distancing must be maintained unless they are their original bubble.
- The attendance must list all players, coaches, and spectators.
- Each team must have their Sanitizing Champion present for the games
- Teams may show up no more than 1 hour prior to game time.

- When entering the field, the home team will enter on the third base side and visitor team will enter on first base side.
- Be aware of your warmup prior to the game, share the field
- Pregame warm up for pitchers and catchers, set up bow nets to prevent the missed balls from impeding on the other team's practice space
- No team huddle before or after the game
- Umpires will follow RTP protocols from SBBC.
- Games will not count for standings, Score may be kept
- Facemask (medical or non-medical) are recommended to be worn in the infield when Social/Physical Distancing cannot be maintained.
- Facemask (medical or non-medical) are optional in the outfield
- Teams and Spectators must leave immediately after the game.
 - Be aware of Social/Physical Distancing in common areas

Documentation

- Teams will be responsible for assigning an Attendance Tracker/Screenener. This person will take team attendance at every softball event. The Tracker/Screenener will submit weekly attendance records to the DFA President via email: president@deltafastpitch.com
- The DFA President will ensure that team attendance records are kept in a secured environment.

First Aid Protocols

- DFA will follow the first aid guidelines and protocols included in Softball BC's Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.

Outbreak Plan

- DFA will follow the outbreak plan guidelines and protocols included in Softball BC's Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.

Indoor Facility

- DFA will follow the indoor facility guidelines and protocols included in Softball BC's Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.

Illness Policy (Adapted from Allied Golf Association of BC)

In this policy, "Team member" includes any employee, volunteer, participant, or parent/spectator.

1. Inform an individual in a position of authority (coach, team manager) immediately if, you feel any symptoms of Covid-19 such as fever, chills, cough, shortness o breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, and loss of appetite.
2. Assessment

- a. Team member must review the self-assessment signage located throughout the facility each morning before their shift/practice/activity to attest that they are not feeling any of the COVID-19 symptoms
 - b. Managers/Coaches will visually monitor team members to assess any early warning signs as to the status of their health and to touch base on how they are regarding their personal safety throughout the workday/practice/activity.
 - c. If Team Members are unsure please have them use the self-assessment tool
 - i. <https://bc.trive.health/covid19/en> or through the [COVID-19 BC Support App Self-assessment tool](#)
3. If a team member is feeling sick with COVID-19 symptoms
 - a. They should remain at home and contact Health Link BC at 8-1-1
 - b. No team member may participate in a practice/activity if they are symptomatic
4. If a team member tests positive for COVID-19
 - a. The team member will not be permitted to return to the workplace/practice/facility until they are free of the Covid-19 virus
 - b. Any team member who work/play closely with the infected team member will also be removed from the workplace/practice/facility for at least 14 days to ensure the infection does not spread further.
 - c. Close off, clean and disinfect their work/practice/facility area immediately and any surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched
5. If a team member has been tested and is waiting for the results of COVID-19
 - a. As with the confirmed case, the team member must be removed from the workplace, practice, or facility
 - b. The Public Health Agency of Canada advises that any person who has even mild symptoms stay home and call the public health authority of BC
 - c. Other team members who may have been exposed will be informed and removed from the workplace/practice/activity for at least 14 days or until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health authorities
 - d. The workspace/practice/activity space will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched
6. If a team member has come into contact with who is confirmed to have COVID-19
 - a. Team member must advise their employer/coach if they reasonably believe they have been exposed to COVID-19
 - b. Once the contact is confirmed, the team member will be removed from the workplace/practice/activity for at least 14 days or as otherwise directed by public health authorities. Team members who may have come into close contact with the team member will also be removed from the workplace for at least 14 days
 - c. The workspace/practice/activity space will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched
7. Quarantine or Self-Isolate if:

- a. Any team member who has travelled outside of Canada or the province within the last 14 days is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate
- b. Any team member with any symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate
- c. Any team member from a household with someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate
- d. Any team member who is in quarantine or self-isolating as a result of contact with an infected person or in families who are self-isolating is not permitted to enter any part of the facility