**BOMBA Return to Sport – Coaches Fact Sheet**

1. Before attending a practice or game, fill out the Covid-19 tracking form, found on the Byron Baseball website, and click submit.
2. Masks must be warn to and from the diamond. Once on the diamond masks can be removed, however, coaches must have their mask accessible as they are permitted to wear a mask when in close proximity to a player. **Specific to softball, coaches, players and spectators must wear a must at all times.**
3. Players must have their own glove, helmet, batting gloves, water bottle, and if possible, a bat. If a player does not have their own bat they will be able to use a team bat that will be sanitized after each use. NO SHARING EQUIPMENT.
4. Players are not permitted sunflower seeds or gum.
5. 1 spectator is permitted per player.
6. Spectators are not permitted near the bench/dugout area. Spectators must remain at a distance of 20m from the playing field. Spectators are encouraged to use the outfield fence line to view the game or practice and must wear a mask if they are unable to socially distance from other spectators. Coaches must communicate this information with their parents.
7. In stage 1 of re-opening, a coach can run a full team split squad practice. Two groups of 10 participants, not including coaches/parent volunteers, are permitted to share/occupy 1 diamond. The groups may not crossover or share equipment. If equipment must be shared it must first be sanitized. Maximum 2 coaches/parent volunteers per group and the coaches must remain with their group.
8. Following the conclusion of the practice or game all participants, coaches, and spectators are asked to vacate the playing field and surrounding area within 15 minutes.
9. Following the practice or game, all team equipment must be sanitized.
10. There are currently NO washroom facilities available at any of the diamonds.

**Practices**

1. Masks must be worn to and from the diamond. Masks may be removed once at the diamond. Coaches should keep mask accessible as they are required to wear a mask when in close proximity to a player. **For softball, masks must be worn at all times by players, coaches and spectators.**
2. Upon arrival to the playing field, coaches must sanitize all common areas including benches, fence posts likely to be touched, fence gates, and any other high trafficked surface at a given location.
3. Two groups of 10 players are permitted on the field. Split the team into two groups and assign the groups a bench/dugout. Players can put their bags in the bench/dugout area but must wear a mask when in the bench area if they cannot maintain 2m distancing. (stage 1) In stage 2 of re-opening full team practices are permitted without the need for two groups. In this stage, do not use the bench/dugout area. Rather each player should bring with them a lawn/foldable chair and set it up behind the bench/dugout area and down along the fence line. Each chair should be 2m apart.
4. No equipment/balls are to be shared between the groups for the duration of the practice. If equipment must be shared between the groups it must first be sanitized. (Stage 1)
5. The two groups cannot interact during the practice and coaches must remain with the same group. (stage 1 only)
6. Coaches and player are to sanitize their hands every half hour.
7. At the conclusion of practice all participants must vacate the playing field as soon as possible, or within 15 minutes if another event is scheduled.
8. Sanitize all common areas including benches, fence posts likely to be touched, fence gates, and any other high trafficked surface at a given location.
9. All team equipment must be sanitized following practice.

**Games**

1. Masks must be worn to and from the diamond. Masks may be removed once at the diamond. Coaches should keep mask accessible as they are required to wear a mask when in close proximity to a player or when approaching an umpires. **For softball, masks must be worn at all times by players, coaches and spectators.**
2. Benches/dugouts are not to be used by players. This area is reserved for coaches during game play. Players must bring a chair with them and set it up behind the bench/dugout area and along the fence line. Each chair is to be separated by 2m.
3. Upon arrival to the playing field, coaches must sanitize all common areas including benches, fence posts likely to be touched, fence gates, and any other high trafficked surface at a given location.
4. Players may remove their mask when on the field of play. Coaches must wear a mask when approaching to speak with a player or umpired. . **For softball, masks must be worn at all times by players, coaches and spectators.**
5. Masks must be worn during pre-game ground rules. Umpires are permitted to handle baseballs but must wash their hands at the conclusion of every half inning. **Specific to softball, umpires may not handle the game balls. The defensive team shall maintain custody of their own game balls, bring them out to use during their defensive half inning, and bring them back off the field at the conclusion of the defensive half inning. Offensive players shall not touch a game ball.**
6. If a player is unable to collect their own bat following an at bat, a designated coach will recover the bat using medical gloves or will sanitize the bat after retrieving it.
7. Players and coaches must sanitize their hands at the end of every inning. Umpires must sanitize their hands at the end of every half inning.