



## COVID-19 Safety Plan for Practices

Mission Minor Softball Association and its Executives are committed to ensuring the health and safety of our members, players, parents, and spectators. MMSA Executive members reviewed the guidelines set forth by Softball BC and voted unanimously to accept and follow the guidelines on June 10, 2020. The following is MMSA's Safety Plan for practices (Innings 1&2 of SBBC's Return to play guidelines).

### Return to Play Plan

To ensure the Return to Play Guidelines are followed, adhered to and effective the following have been completed:

- Executives, Committee Members and Coaches have been provided with the Return to Play Guidelines, with the expectation of reading and adhering to these guidelines
- Risk Analysis have been completed to determine our individual risks
- Executives have been notified of the association's specific risks

Based upon the Risk Assessment for Fields, the following has been implemented:

- All practices and games will be held on Leisure Center Field (also known as Field A)
  - This can be achieved as Rep ball is proceeding and the number of teams can be facilitated on one field
- Bleachers will be closed off during softball activities
  - MMSA will close the bleachers off with caution tape and signage

Parent volunteers assisting with field prep or parents that wish to stay at the field and do not have the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), MMSA has purchased the following supplies:

- Disposable non-medical masks
- Disposable Nitrile Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer (Alcohol content above 70%)
- Disinfectant Spray
- Disinfectant Wipes

All supplies will be available in the MMSA container in a black and red tote, use of the PPE will be recorded on the corresponding form in the tote.

MMSA Teams are responsible to have a PPE kit containing:

- Disposable non-medical masks
- Hand Sanitizer (Alcohol content 70% and above)
- Disinfectant Spray & Wipes

Through the Risk Analysis completed by MMSA, Teams have been provided with specific responsibilities, failure to meet or comply to these will result in the team no longer participating in the season. Each team is responsible to:

- Identify 2 Sanitization Champions
- Identify 2 Attendance Trackers

Training is to be provided either by the coach or they can request training be provided by MMSA.

## Field Flow

To keep everyone safe on the field, the following flow is to be followed:

1. Coaches, Team Volunteers, Players, Parents, Spectators, and Executives attending a practice are to “Sign In” online for attendance and answer the necessary Health Screening Questionnaire. (Note: Sign in can only happen a maximum of 6 hours in advance)
2. Players are to ensure all their personal gear is cleaned and sanitized prior to arriving at the field
3. Upon arrival at the field everyone is to check in with the Attendance Tracker, who will verify you completed the online attendance questionnaire and confirm your answers

Parents and spectators will be expected to police themselves for social distancing. Coaching staff and executives present will advise groups to social distance if they notice groups forming.

## Field Prep

Setting up for practices, during practices and after, teams are expected to do the following:

1. Coaches/Executives are to set up the hand washing station(s)
2. Coaches/Executives will set up the garbage can and ensure the lid is present and on
3. All participants are required to wash and sanitize their hands prior to any activities
4. Field prep volunteers are to wear the necessary PPE;
  - Face mask and gloves
5. All bases are to be sanitized at the start and end of practice

Coaches are required during practice to allow for handwashing and/or hand sanitizing breaks, approximately once every 60-90 minutes.

## Practice

Practices with more than 5 players, the players will be split between two dugouts with designated places to hang their gear to ensure adequate distance between players. When entering the dugout players are to enter along the bench and exit along the fence line in single file.

Coaches are responsible for developing their practice plan in accordance with the Provincial Health Regulations and SBBC Guidelines, MMSA executives will assist where they can in the development of these if the coach requests assistance. MMSA executives will be stopping by to help reinforce these requirements

Coaches, players, and volunteers are not permitted to share equipment, including but not limited to:

- Bats
- Helmets
- Gloves
- Face Shields
- Water Bottles

After practice is over the team must not linger or stay for any group meetings, the coaches are responsible to clean and sanitize all equipment, which includes but is not limited just to:

- Bow Nets
- Team bats
- Softballs

## Parent and Spectator Responsibilities

Any parent or guardian remaining at the ball field during softball practice is required to sign in online and check in with the Attendance Tracker.

Parents and Spectators are expected to provide their own:

- Chair
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Face masks (disposable or cloth) for when they cannot adequately socially distance

Parents and Spectators are expected to police themselves when it comes to social distancing, if coaches and/or executives notice parents not socially distancing, they can and will ask parents and spectators to do so, if parents or spectators refuse practice can and will be canceled immediately.

**NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO SPIT AT THE BALL FIELD:**

- **SUNFLOWER SEEDS**
- **GUM**
- **CHEWING TOBACCO**

**MMSA Executive members will be present to assist in training parent volunteers and coaches on safety measures, attendance tracking and sanitation.**

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