

INNING ONE – Controlled Practice and Skill Development U10 through Men & Women

TIMELINE: no earlier than June 10, 2020

LSOs and participants are to follow the Facility and diamond protocols above, plus:

- No more than 50 per diamond or as per the guidelines for attendance as outlined by the respective Municipality. Please take into account shared spaces as well as entrances and exit requirements.
- Frequent hand sanitizing or washing must be scheduled.
- Controlled practices and skill development will take into account minimizing shared use of equipment and maintaining physical distance wherever possible.
- Water bottles and food items are not to be shared.
- No spitting, sunflower seeds or gum allowed.
- Where possible, each player should have their own personal equipment, including batting helmets, bats, catchers gear, etc.
- Where personal equipment must be shared, the equipment must be thoroughly sanitized between each use. When players are sharing a bat it should be picked up by the barrel and sanitized by the Sanitizing Champion before being used by the next player.
- A minimum amount of people should be responsible for setting up and taking down all equipment for a session.
- Practice plans should consider a minimal number of participants handling the same ball. For example, when possible, catching and throwing drills should be done in pairs only and the balls sanitized by the Sanitizing Champion after each drill.
- Coach must have a current EAP (emergency action plan) outlining, in the event of a minor or major injury, what the medical treatment process will be. The safety of all participants is top priority, but whenever possible, must be done with the requirements of COVID-19 transmission being minimized.
- Each team must appoint an 'In Charge Person' (Injury Attendant), and if an injury occurs to a player only the coach and In Charge Person, both wearing protective gloves and face coverings, may go the injured player. Everyone else must maintain physical distancing.
- Bleachers should be closed or used only in a way that physical distancing is maintained.
- Under no circumstances will there be games or scrimmages.

INNING TWO - Controlled Skill Development for TimBits U6 and U8

TIMELINE: no earlier than June 17, 2020

All participants are to follow the Facility and Diamond protocols above, plus:

- No more than fifty (50) people per diamond or as per the guidelines for attendance as outlined by the respective Municipality. Please take into account shared spaces as well as entrance and exit requirements.
- Groups of no more than 10 participants and one household member each permitted in the designated practice area.
- Every participant must be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 16 who is prepared to practice with the participant throughout the season.
- Programme facilitator will maintain physical distancing with the participants and oversee the skill development sessions.
- It is recommended the season be made up of a 12 session, 6 week programme
- Skills will focus on physical literacy
- No shared use of equipment, each participant to supply or be supplied with their own session equipment.
- Any LSO equipment loaned to players should be sanitized before being put away.
- Under no circumstances will there be games or scrimmages.
- Each participant is to have their own water bottle and food items, no sharing.
- Facilitator will be responsible for ensuring planned sanitation breaks and hand cleaning.
- Coach/Facilitator must have a current EAP (emergency action plan) outlining, in the event of a minor or major injury, what the medical treatment process will be. The safety of all participants is top priority, but whenever possible, must be done with the requirements of COVID-19 transmission being minimized.
- Each team must appoint an 'In Charge Person' (Injury Attendant), and if an injury occurs to a player only the coach and In Charge Person, both wearing protective gloves and face coverings, may go the injured player. Everyone else must maintain physical distancing.

INNING THREE – Community Focused Games U10 and older

TIMELINE: no earlier than July 1, 2020

LSOs and participants are to follow the Facility and Diamond protocols included in Inning 1 (except to the extent that they conflict, in which case these Inning 3 protocols apply) above, plus:

- Games will be scheduled with teams from the same community as defined by the viaSport sport sector guidelines and Softball BC
- No more than 50 per diamond or as per the guidelines for attendance as outlined by the respective Municipality. Please take into account shared spaces as well as entrance and exit requirements.
- Bleachers should be closed or used only in a way that physical distancing is maintained.
- Teams may only use players on their approved roster, no pick ups are allowed, and teams may play with as few as 8 players without being penalized. LSO's are encouraged to coordinate to ensure that teams have enough players to field a full team regardless of their home LSO.
- Line up cards must be prepared, but will not be physically shared – photos may be taken by scorekeepers, etc. and the lineup card must be made available to show the umpire when requested.
- Pre game meetings will take place at home plate while respecting distancing of at least 2 metres. Only one coach per team and umpire (s) to attend the meeting.
- Schedules are recommended to be drawn up to allow for time to prepare the venue before a game and clean it after the game has ended.
- All participants are to leave the playing field immediately after the game has ended. No team meetings at the venue post game.
- No team huddles before, during or after the game.
- No handshake with the opposing team/officials after the game.
- Each team must appoint a Distancing Monitor who will observe their own team & spectators and encourage them to maintain physical distancing.
- Each team must appoint an 'In Charge Person' (Injury Attendant), and if an injury occurs to a player on that team, either the umpire or coach will call time and only the coach and In Charge person – both wearing protective gloves and face coverings - may go to the injured player, everyone else must maintain physical distancing.
- Face coverings for virus contagion are recommended for all participants; coaches must have face coverings easily accessible to them and must wear them anytime they cannot maintain physical distancing from other participants.
- Face coverings for virus contagion are mandatory for home plate umpires, provided that should an umpire be unable to wear a face covering due to an underlying health issue or