

INNING FOUR – Competitive Games with Neighbouring Communities

TIMELINE: To be determined

LSOs and participants are to follow the Facility and Diamond protocols below, as well as those included in Phase Three (except to the extent that they conflict, in which case these Inning Four protocols apply), plus:

- Home team to set up the diamond and communicate entry/exit points to visitors, as well as any other protocols being observed at that park.
- Visiting team will be directed to spectator and participant areas which have been adequately marked off and identified for spectator seating, or participant equipment storage.
- Where possible, a minimum of two umpires should be used for games to assist in physical distancing.
- Participants are to follow Inning 3 protocol.
- 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.

INNING FIVE – Competitive Games inter-regional, Cross Provincial & Tournaments

TIMELINE: To be determined

LSOs and participants are to follow the Facility and Diamond protocols below as well as those included in Inning 4 (except to the extent that they conflict, in which case these Inning 5 protocols apply), 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.
- Game times are to be staggered to ensure there is an unencumbered pathway to enter and exit the facility.
- Participants and spectators are to leave the field immediately after the conclusion of their game/event.
- Medals/prizes are not to be handed out individually, but a closed box handed to a team representative.

- If appropriate home team to set up the diamond and communicate entry/exit points to visitors, as well as any other protocols being observed at that park. If it is a tournament, then the hosting club will have diamonds set up under the park/venue and diamond preparation, and it will be the responsibility of the host to communicate with visiting teams about the protocols to be followed at each specific park or Facility.
- Visiting team, or in the case of a tournament, all away teams attending the tournament will be directed to spectator and participant areas which have been adequately marked off and identified for spectator seating, or participant equipment storage.
- Where possible, a minimum of two umpires should be used for games to assist in physical distancing.
- 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 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

Please note that these Guidelines are current and in accordance with the Provincial Health Guidelines and Orders in place at date of their issuance but may be updated should circumstances change or should relevant Guidelines and Orders be revised.

ENFORCEMENT

It is expected that members of Softball BC will follow the protocols in place for return to play not only for their own safety, but for the safety of all participants. Failure to abide by these rules will have consequences. Member organizations and participants are expected to adhere to these protocols for their in-person softball activities. Except where a protocol identifies a specific penalty, enforcement should be by way of warning against the violator, and request to leave the in-person activity when repeated violations of a protocol occur. Member organizations not following these protocols may result in expulsion from Softball BC. Intentional violations of these protocols by individuals may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension.