



Wyoming Minor Ball Association, home of the Wranglers

RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS 2021 SEASON

Stage 1 of the Province's Road Map to Reopening

- in-person OUTDOOR baseball activities are now permitted however indoor in-person baseball activities remain unsanctioned.
- Team Practices as one group are still not permitted, as gatherings under Provincial restrictions remain at a maximum of ten (10) however two (2) events are permitted on one diamond. Which means that 2 different groups (of not more than 10 players and 1-2 coaches each) can participate in practices on the same field without mixing groups.

Universal Protocols

1. 'Distance or mask' rule - Players, coaches, instructors, and staff are required to wear a non-medical face mask or face covering, when a minimum of 2 metres (hockey stick) of physical distance cannot be maintained on or off field.

2. 'Masked batter' rule - Treat your mask like part of your hitting equipment. Batters are required to wear a non-medical face mask or face covering when on deck, at bat, on base, and when a minimum of 2 metres of physical distance cannot be maintained.

3. There will be **NO**

- sharing of food or drink at any time, all players need to bring their own water bottle.
- high fives, handshakes, or other intentional contact.
- shouting, singing, or chanting.
- sunflower seeds, no gum, no spitting.

4. Players are encouraged to bring their own equipment, but we realize this may not be possible to occur. Catcher's equipment will be used by one athlete per practice and sanitized for next use, when other equipment is to be shared, it is to be sanitized prior to next use.

5. All athletes, coaches, and WMBA staff will sanitize hands every half hour.



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6. Sanitization stations and supplies will be available at each ball park, and are to be brought to the dugout during use.

7. Sign in at each practice for contact tracing purposes will be required.

Structure of Play

1. Two events are permitted on one baseball diamond: this means that 2 different groups, of not more than 10 players each, along with 1-2 coaches, can participate in separate practices on the same field.

2. Everyone must stay in their own group and there can be no players, coaches or other persons participating in both events even if the two groups come from the same team.

3. A maximum of 3 people will be allowed in the dugout at any time. This applies to coaches, players, and WMBA staff.

4. Players will each have their own 'home' spot along their team's baseline, spaced at least 2 metres apart. Players will keep their personal equipment here.

5. Players will only be allowed to eat or drink at their 'home' spot along the baseline. Masks may be removed during these breaks.

6. Each Ballpark will have its own supply of clean, disposable masks to be used in case a player forgets a mask or it is soiled along with its own supply of hand sanitizer available at all times for team use.



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Spectators

1. Spectators are not allowed, except for one parent/guardian for players under the age of 18 years.
2. Permitted spectators will maintain physical distancing of at least 2 metres from anyone outside their direct household.
3. Permitted spectators will remain in the spectator area and refrain from approaching the team for the duration of the activity.

*WMBA reserves the right to add protocols, as appropriate, to ensure a safe play environment. These protocols are also subject to change based on revisions to policies issued by Lambton Public Health, Baseball Ontario (OBA), Provincial Women's Softball Association (PWSA) and the Province of Ontario.

For more information on:

Province of Ontario Roadmap to Reopen:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario#section-2>

Baseball Ontario return to play:

<https://www.baseballontario.com/Admin/SideMenu/DispSideMenuContentMain.aspx?TopMenuID=10009&menuID=734&dipIds=undefined>

PWSA return to play: <https://www.pwsaontario.com/covid-19-information/>