



COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

RETURN TO PLAY – June 15th, 2021

The following items are recommended to adhere to Provincial Health Authority Guidelines. Please be aware that Local (Municipality) Guidelines may also be in place.

- Umpires are allowed to use changerooms (if provided) as long as they wear a non-medical mask while inside.
- Umpires should show up to the ballpark in full uniform (minus plate gear) when no changerooms are available.
- Umpires must adhere to physical distancing protocols outside of the field of play, from arrival to the park, to leaving after the game.
- Umpires may be asked to check in with the volunteer in charge of Attendance Tracking. Your local UIC may also use their assigning software as attendance tracking.

The following items are now a Personal Preference of each umpire:

- Umpires may choose whether to wear a non-medical mask on the field.
- Umpires may work behind the catcher in regular positioning, with or without a non-medical mask underneath their umpire mask.
- Umpires may choose not to shake hands at the plate meeting and/or ask for a physically distanced plate meeting.
- Umpires may choose not to handle baseballs through the course of the game, asking the teams to manage game balls when their team is on defense.
- Should an umpire wish to, they may choose to continue to use the Modified Mechanics for Covid-19, having the Ball/Strike Umpire located behind the mound, and the plate umpire distanced in the modified positioning behind the batter.
- NOTE: The local Umpire in Chief has the authority to implement continued use of the Modified Mechanics for some or all of their local umpires, based on the training opportunities that have been afforded to them.

The following Cleaning Protocols have been identified by BCBUA. Check with your local UIC for the protocols in your home association.

- Shared umpire equipment (especially masks) should be sanitized before and after use.
- Umpires should carry personal hand sanitizer around and use it during games.

The following protocols remain unchanged:

- Anyone displaying ANY illness symptoms MUST NOT attend.
- No sharing of water bottles.
- No sharing of food of any kind.
- No spitting.
- No chewing gum or sunflower seeds.
- No sharing of any personal equipment or items
- Ride sharing to be discouraged whenever possible.
- All participants encouraged to disinfect their equipment after each event.

- All participants encouraged to wash all clothing and selves after each event.