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Attention: All BCMBA Member Associations - Return to Play Guidelines

This afternoon Baseball BC published their Return to Play Guidelines which have been developed in consultation with ViaSport and as noted in the introduction ViaSport does not provide approval for individual sport guidelines and that individual sport organizations need to develop their own written RTP plan(s) which must be approved by their own board of directors and then either posted on the wall of a facility or on their website. All prior to Returning to Play.

These are the documents that BCMBA is adopting and that every BCMBA Member Association that wishes to offer baseball this year must use in developing their own RTP guidelines.

Baseball BC Return to Play Guidelines dated June 6, 2020. ("RTP")

<https://www.baseball.bc.ca/uploads/files/news/Baseball%20BC%20RTP%20Guidelines%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

ViaSport's Return to Sport Guidelines for B.C. dated May 28, 2020.

<https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/ReturntoSportGuidelines.pdf>

Please note in the ViaSport introduction on page 3.

"Prior to restarting, every organization must have an explicit plan for the measures they will implement and maintain over the coming 12 to 18 months."

While these documents outline the requirements and expectations involved in returning to baseball in a COVID-19 world Member Associations are not required to operate in person baseball activities until they feel that it is safe and appropriate to do so.

This includes us, BCMBA as we too are hopeful in hosting some of our traditional events (like the 13U AA John Main Tournament) in the Fall or some single season Provincial Championships, regional or otherwise, again, hopefully. But to do that we need to and will be creating our own RTP guidelines. (Underway while I write this)

So, in an effort then to assist our Member Associations, and to not reinvent the wheel, BCMBA will be making RTP guidelines in written and template forms available for your use if you so choose. Again, all plans must be approved by your own Board of Directors, not BCMBA.

Continuing then, you will find that there are several steps that need to be followed prior to Returning to Play, they are detailed in the Baseball BC RTP Guidelines starting on page 2, see



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Administrative Steps and specifically the Policy Section. These are some of the written and templates documents that will be made available.

While your plans are being readied you will undoubtedly be starting up registration and confirming field availability from your respective community/Municipality and/or City authorities who will undoubtedly require your RTP Plan and guidelines so time is of the essence.

In addition to all of the above and while BCMBA has secured insurance for the 2020 season, (pandemics are now excluded) all member Associations need to register their Coaches and Players to have coverage through the usual registration process with BCMBA.

Your BCMBA Board of Directors is also working on a Article XX motion that will allow for variances to the existing Rule Book to allow play this season.

Recent announcements have certainly raised baseball hopes for the remainder of the year but your attention to these RTP Plans and Guidelines should be your utmost priority. So while you're reading up on the details from Baseball BC and ViaSport, BCMBA will be doing the same and look to provide the written documents and templates as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please read the documents once more and if you still need help call me at 250-510-9886.

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Ps: We are new at this too, so expect changes and revisions as we move along.