



Delta Fastpitch Association COVID-19 Safety Plan

Delta Fastpitch Association has adopted all guidelines and protocols included in Softball BC's [*Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols, second edition*](#), released publicly on February 25, 2021.

As of February 25, 2021, Softball BC has been informed we are currently in Inning 1 – Controlled Practice and Skill Development.

****Note: this document is subject to change with updated information.****

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Introductions

Delta Fastpitch Association Safety Plan has been developed to encourage the maximum participation of our members while providing Delta Fastpitch Association (DFA) members with a better understanding of the guidelines and protocols put in place for safety and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

These guidelines are to be used along with the government and sport sectors requirements:

- Guidelines from WorkSafe, BC Ministry of Health, and Fraser Health Authority
- Municipal requirements (www.delta.ca/services/public-safety/covid-19)
- BC Recreation and Parks Association (www.bcrpa.bc.ca/COVIDGuideline)
- viaSport Return to Sport Guidelines for BC (www.viasport.ca/return-sport)
- Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols (www.softball.bc.ca/softball-bc-return-to-play-guidelines-and-appendixes/)

The choice to participate is yours!

DFA wants to reiterate to all members that participation in the 2021 softball season is your choice. At no time should a player or coach feel pressured into participating. There are still many unanswered questions, and safety of our members is number one.

DFA understands that there will be times where a player or coach will decide not to participate, and that is ok – the health of you and your family comes first.

General Information

DFA has been allocated three parks for the 2021 softball season:

1. North Delta Community Park, North Delta
2. Hawthorne Park, Ladner
3. Brandrith Park, Tsawwassen

	North Delta Park (North Delta)	Hawthorne Park (Ladner)	Brandrith Park (Tsawwassen)
Address	11311 84 Ave, Delta BC	5151 56 th Street, Delta BC	5093 12 th Ave, Delta BC
Parking / Drop Off	Parking Lot located off 112 th Street Additional Parking at/on: Street parking 84 th Ave (both sides) Richardson Elementary School, located 11339 83 Ave, Delta North Delta Recreation, 11415 84 th Ave, Delta	Parking Lot located off 56 th Street, Delta BC Additional Parking at Hawthorne Elementary School, located 5610 Central Ave, Delta	Parking Lot located off 12 th Ave. Additional Parking at Cliff Drive Elementary, located 5025 12 th Ave, Delta BC

Concession Stands

Concession stands will not be opened for the 2021 softball season.

Washrooms

City of Delta is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of park washrooms; however, to reduce risk, all members using DFA allocated parks must:

- Use hand sanitizer before entering the washroom.
- Use paper towel to open the door or use hand sanitizer upon leaving the washroom;
- Practice physical distance while in the washroom; and,
- Follow the signage for washroom capacity, provided by the City of Delta, this must be followed by all members of DFA

Facilities (Clubhouses, Umpire Change Room, Equipment Room)

Clubhouses:

- Only DFA Board Members will have access to the North Delta Community Park and Brandrith Park Clubhouses, when booked through the City of Delta.
- All DFA Board Members must use hand sanitizer before entering and upon

leaving the clubhouses.

- No food shall be brought into the clubhouses.
- Physical distancing will be maintained while in clubhouses.

Equipment Room:

- The DFA Equipment Manager will be the only one to access the Equipment Room.
- The DFA Equipment Manager must use hand sanitizer before entering and upon leaving the Equipment Room.
- If the DFA Equipment Manager invites a member into the Equipment Room, the member will:
 - Use hand sanitizer before entering and upon leaving the Equipment Room
 - Practice physical distancing while in the Equipment Room

Umpire Change Room:

- North Delta Umpire Room is not opened.
- Umpire Change Room Capacity:
 - **Hawthorne Park** – no more than 1 umpires in the Umpire Change Room
 - **Brandrith** – no more than 2 umpires in the Umpire Change Room

Indoor Activities:

- DFA will follow the guidelines and protocols outlined in the Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.
- It is expected that any DFA members, while at indoor facilities follow the protocol of that facility.
- Teams are required to take attendance and follow the steps listed under Documentation.

Outdoor Activities

Practices

- DFA will follow the Inning One guidelines and protocols outlined in the Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.
- All practices must be booked with the Director of Membership.
 - Director of Membership will add you to the Practice Google Sheet
 - Should you need to cancel practice, DFA asks that you inform the Director of Membership.

- DFA will be scheduling practices with staggered start times to promote physical distancing:
 - Example: ND #1
 - First time slot 5:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Second time slot 7:30pm – 9:30pm
- Teams must be off the field no later than 15 minutes after their scheduled practice time has ended (e.g., practice end time is 7:00pm, teams must be off the field by 7:15pm).
- Teams will not enter the field until the previous team has left the field.
- Teams will enter the field at all parks through the visitor dugout.
- Teams will exit the field at all parks through the home dugout.
- Attendance will be taken at each softball event by the Team Attendance Tracker, this person can also act as the Team Screener.
- Each team will be responsible for sanitizing any shared field equipment and bases before and after practice. Sanitation kits will be located:
 - Brandrith and North Delta Parks – Green Box
 - Hawthorne – Base Room
- After Practice Huddle, will be permitted, if:
 - The team is wearing face masks (covers)
 - The proper distance is being maintained
 - The team leaves the field by the required time

Games

- DFA will follow the Inning Three and Four guidelines and protocols outlined in the Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.
- Games must be scheduled 1 week in advance to ensure time for field availability. • Coaches will submit their game request to the President (president@deltafastpitch.com), request umpires, and inform the President who is home and visitor.
- **Time limit – nothing new after 90 minutes.**
- Gatherings will be no more than 50 per diamond. Encourage spectators to spread out and limit the number of individuals attending the game. Social/Physical Distancing must be maintained unless they are their original bubble.
- The attendance must list all players, coaches, and spectators.
- Each team will be responsible for taking their own attendance.
- Each team must have their Sanitizing Champion present for the games • Teams may show up no more than 1 hour prior to game time.
- When entering the field, the home team will enter on the third base side and visitor team will enter on first base side.
- Be aware of your warmup prior to the game, share the field

- Pregame warm up for pitchers and catchers, set up bow nets to prevent the missed balls from impeding on the other team's practice space
- Umpires will follow RTP protocols from SBBC.
- Facemask (medical or non-medical) is a personal choice, if a player wishes to wear one, that is okay
- Teams and Spectators must leave immediately after the game.
- Be aware of Social/Physical Distancing in common areas
- Spectators can sit on the bleachers if there is social distancing is being practice.
 - Preference would be to have Spectators spread behind the outfield fence.

Tryouts and ID Camps

- DFA will follow the Inning Four Stretch – Tryouts and ID Camps guidelines and protocols outlined in the Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols
- Each Team Tryouts will have their own Registrar. This Registrar can be the Attendance Tracker
- Coaches will be responsible for creating a system to ensure the players trying out are identified. Player identification resources must be single use (disposable name tags) o Player identification can be created prior to the day of tryouts
- Maintain Physical/Social distancing while doing drills, keep the groups small
- All teams must have the following presented at the tryouts:
 - Attendance Tracker / Screener
 - Distance Monitor
 - Sanctioned Champion

Documentation

- Teams will be responsible for assigning an Attendance Tracker/Screener. This person will take team attendance at every softball event. The Tracker/Screener will submit weekly attendance records to the DFA President via email: president@deltafastpitch.com
- The DFA President will ensure that team attendance records are kept in a secured environment and will be destroyed after 90 days.
 - This is a mandated step from the Return to Play and must be followed by all coaches.

Screening Questions:

1. Are you exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19?
 - a. Fever
 - b. Chills
 - c. Cough

- d. Shortness of breath
 - e. Sore throat and/or painful swallowing
 - f. Stuff or runny nose
 - g. Loss of sense of smell or taste
 - h. Headache, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of appetite
 - i. Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
2. Has any member of your household exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
 3. Have you had close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 or have been told by public health that you may have been exposed and need to quarantine (self-isolate)?

First Aid Protocols

- DFA will follow the first aid guidelines and protocols included in Softball BC's Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.

Outbreak Plan

- DFA will follow the outbreak plan guidelines and protocols included in Softball BC's Back to Bases: Softball BC's Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.

Illness Policy (as per viaSports)

In this policy, "Team member" includes any employee, volunteer, participant, or parent/spectator.

1. Inform an individual in a position of authority (coach, team manager) immediately if, you feel any symptoms of Covid-19 such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, and loss of appetite.
2. Assessment
 - a. Team member must review the self-assessment signage located throughout the facility each morning before their shift/practice/activity to attest that they are not feeling any of the COVID-19 symptoms
 - b. Managers/Coaches will visually monitor team members to assess any early warning signs as to the status of their health and to touch base on how they are regarding their personal safety throughout the workday/practice/activity.
 - c. If Team Members are unsure please have them use the self-assessment tool i. <https://bc.trive.health/covid19/en> or through the COVID-19 BC Support App Self-assessment tool
3. If a team member is feeling sick with COVID-19 symptoms

- a. They should remain at home and contact Health Link BC at 8-1-1
 - b. No team member may participate in a practice/activity if they are symptomatic
4. If a team member tests positive for COVID-19
- a. The team member will not be permitted to return to the workplace/practice/facility until they are free of the Covid-19 virus
 - b. Any team member who work/play closely with the infected team member will also be removed from the workplace/practice/facility for at least 14 days to ensure the infection does not spread further.
 - c. Close off, clean and disinfect their work/practice/facility area immediately and any surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched
5. If a team member has been tested and is waiting for the results of COVID-19
- a. As with the confirmed case, the team member must be removed from the workplace, practice, or facility
 - b. The Public Health Agency of Canada advises that any person who has even mild symptoms stay home and call the public health authority of BC
 - c. Other team members who may have been exposed will be informed and removed from the workplace/practice/activity for at least 14 days or until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health authorities
 - d. The workspace/practice/activity space will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched
6. If a team member has come into contact with who is confirmed to have COVID-19
- a. Team member must advise their employer/coach if they reasonably believe they have been exposed to COVID-19
 - b. Once the contact is confirmed, the team member will be removed from the workplace/practice/activity for at least 14 days or as otherwise directed by public health authorities. Team members who may have come into close contact with the team member will also be removed from the workplace for at least 14 days
 - c. The workspace/practice/activity space will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched
7. Quarantine or Self-Isolate if:
- a. Any team member who has travelled outside of Canada or the province within the last 14 days is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate
 - b. Any team member with any symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate
 - c. Any team member from a household with someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate
 - d. Any team member who is in quarantine or self-isolating as a result of contact with an infected person or in families who are self-isolating is not permitted to enter any part of the facility

