



Delta Fastpitch Association Restart/Safety Plan

Delta Fastpitch Association has adopted all guidelines and protocols included in Softball BC's [Return to Play Guidelines BC's Restart Plan](#), released publicly on June 1, 2021.



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Introductions

Delta Fastpitch Association Restart/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](#)

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

STEP ONE – as of May 25th, 2021

Outdoor Protocols Minors and Adults

Competition and Tournaments may be introduced for minor registered teams and for Men's & Women's teams within their local area. **ViaSport has defined local area as in-club.**

No more than fifty participants (50) per diamond for adult teams and youth teams.

Physical distancing, when on the field of play (including dugouts) is not required.

Members of a duly registered team may travel from their home community to their team for softball activities, as long as that travel is within the recognized travel zone as determined by the provincial government:

- Lower mainland/Fraser Valley
- Vancouver Island
- Interior/North

No spectators allowed

No handshake with the opposing team/officials after the game.

When off the field of play, minimum physical distancing of two (2) meters is to be maintained.

Umpires and game officials are requested to check in with the home team for attendance and screening prior to the game start.

Out of courtesy, the home team will provide, as necessary, PPE and sanitizing materials for umpires and game officials.

Indoor Protocols Minor and Adults

Indoor practice is approved for minor teams, while maintaining physical distancing of 3 meters; maximum gathering size is 50 people, unless otherwise determined by the facility.

Indoor practice for Men's and Women's teams limited to 2 people while maintaining physical distancing of 3 meters at all times.

Masks are required indoors while off the field of play, with the exemptions as per [Ministerial Order M012](#).

Indoor and Outdoor Protocols for Minors and Adults

Coach must have current EAP (Emergency Action Plan) outlining, in the event of a major or minor 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.

Screening and attendance tracking is required for all softball activities.

STEP TWO – no earlier than June 15 and depending on data for case counts, hospitalization and #of people with 1 dose

Outdoor Protocols Minors and Adults

Travel for competition and tournaments is expanded

Competition and tournaments may be scheduled with COVID safety plan in place. Spectators are permitted, to a maximum of 50 per facility (softball diamond).

Indoor Protocols Minors and Adults

Indoor games and practices are permitted with expanded gathering size.

Masks are required indoors while the field of play, with exemptions as per [Ministerial Order M012](#).

No spectators.

Indoor and Outdoor Protocols for Minors and Adults

Coach must have current EAP (Emergency Action Plan) outlining, in the event of a major or minor 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.

Screening and attendance tracking is required for all softball activities.

Clinics and face to face meetings may resume, with a limited capacity, and current COVID-19 safety plan.

STEP THREE – no earlier than July 1st and depending on data for case counts, hospitalizations and # of people with 1 dose

Outdoor Protocols Minors and Adults

Travel for competitions and tournaments is permitted throughout the country

Competition and tournaments may be scheduled with a COVID safety plan in place

Spectators attendance to be expanded or as per the guidelines for attendance as outlined by the respective Municipality

Indoor Protocols for Minors and Adults

Limited spectators allowed

Indoor games and practices are permitted to the usual capacity of the facility

Indoor and Outdoor Protocols for Minors and Adults

Coach must have current EAP (Emergency Action Plan) outlining, in the event of a major or minor 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.

Screening and attendance tracking is required for all softball activities.

Clinics and face to face meetings may resume with an expanded capacity and current COVID-19 safety plan.

STEP FOUR – no earlier than Sept 7th and depending on data for case counts, hospitalizations and # of people with 1 dose

Indoor and Outdoor Protocols for Minors and Adults

Return to normal sport competitions with updated COVID-19 safety plan.

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