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Attention: Baseball BC Membership (and affiliated clubs)

From: BC Amateur Baseball Association

Re: COVID – 19 UPDATE - Phase 3 Guidelines and Start Date Announced.

Please note effective Friday August 28, 2020 Baseball BC will move to Phase 3 of our Return to Play (RTP) Guidelines.

Updated Guidelines can be found on our Return to Play webpage at <https://baseball.bc.ca/return-to-play> .

This update and move to Phase 3 are done in conjunction with viaSport's updated RTP guidelines (announced and released on Monday August 24, 2020), and as approved by the Baseball BC Board of Directors.

Some important information and reminders for all members, clubs and associations;

- Game play is now permitted within Cohort groups. (A cohort is a group of participants who primarily interact with each other within the sport environment over an extended period of time.). Cohorts should be made up of individuals/teams of similar age and skill level. Athletes are only permitted to participate in one cohort at any one time. Teams are not permitted to interact (practice or play) with teams outside of their designated cohort. Cohorts should remain together for an extended period of time. If looking to change cohorts, a two-week break between activities is recommended. **This is effective Friday August 28, 2020**
- Organizations who have not resumed activities should not jump straight to the highest threshold of activities without having tested safety protocols. It is recommended that organizations start with training activities and slowly layer in different levels of competition after a minimum period of 2 weeks.
- It is also imperative that sport organizations consult and collaborate with their municipal and facility partners before resuming and adding activities, as their readiness to reopen will affect a sport's ability to return.

- Reminder that no sanctioned baseball activities are to have more than 50 persons in attendance at any one time. **This includes athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators.** This is a PHO Order and is not open to interpretation. To assist in the management of this expectation, please note that we have now also included the expectation that all bleachers and stands are to be closed to fans and people watching. This will aid local associations and clubs in managing the maximum numbers allowed.

Please direct any questions you may have on this topic to Baseball BC Executive Director David Laing at 604-586-3312.