

## Appendix F – Langley Fastball Association



### General

- The Organization is ultimately responsible to ensure full compliance with this Return to Play plan. This includes players, coaches and spectators.
- Follow all **physical distancing** and **mask usage** requirements as stated in the Safety Guideline for Facility User Groups
- No person should pick-up or handle other participant's equipment.
- The organization is to track their own attendance with the designated attendance tracking form immediately after each practice.
- Please follow the rules and regulations for **game play** as stated in the Safety Guideline for Facility User Groups
- Please follow the rules and regulations for **spectators** as stated in the Safety Guideline for Facility User Groups
- Teams may only use players on their approved roster.
- Each team is to track their own attendance with their own Attendance Tracker using this mandated Township of Langley COVID Facility Attendee Register at (<https://langleyfastball.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2380/2020/09/COVID-Facility-User-Attendance-Register-TOL-LFA.pdf>)
- Home team must track and screen all umpires and have PPE and hand sanitization available for the umpires.

### Facility Information

- No more than **50** individuals per facility. This includes participants, coaches, assistants, and designated safety role holders.
- Each team (Home and Visitor) is allowed to have a MAXIMUM of 24 players, coaches, and designated safety role holders.
- Bleachers and dug-outs are closed.
- Field will have one entrance and one exit to ensure physical distancing during arrival and departure. Please follow the [Township of Langley Ingress & Egress Plan](#)
- All change rooms will be closed.
- The start and end times of training sessions will have a 15-minute buffer between sessions to allow coaches and players the appropriate physical distancing requirements and guidelines of health authorities.
- The home team is to take the third base line area. The visiting team to take the first base line area.
- The home team is responsible for sanitization of all high touch surfaces (dugout posts/poles) and shared equipment (such as bases and equipment bin) both before and after the game.

## Before Activity Starts

- The designated Screener must ask the following four questions for every participant:
  - *Are you exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and/or painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell and/or taste, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea)?*
  - *Has any member of your household exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days?*
  - *Have you had close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 or have you been told by public health that you may have been exposed and need to quarantine (self-isolate)?*
  - *Have you arrived from outside Canada in the past 14 days?*
  - *Do you agree to 100% comply with the Host association's specific Return to Play guidelines including but not limited to, spectating (allowed or not allowed), social distancing, and sanitation rules?*
- Participants must come dressed in appropriate attire. Change rooms are currently closed
- Bring your own water bottle- water fountains are currently closed.
- Primary contact will gather contact tracing information of all participants prior to practice/training.
- Follow all **physical distancing** and **mask usage** requirements as stated in the Safety Guideline for Facility User Groups
- Teams may play with as few as 8 players without being penalized. LSO's are encouraged to coordinate with other LSO's within their District who do not have registered teams, this would ensure that Districts with registered teams have enough players to field a full team regardless of their home LSO,
- Line-up cards must be prepared but will not be physically shared – photos may be taken by scorekeepers, etc., and the line-up card must be made available to show the umpire when requested,
- Pre-game meetings will take place at home plate while respecting appropriate physical distancing. Only one coach per team and umpire(s) to attend the meeting,
- Pre-game meetings will take place at home plate while respecting distancing of at least 2 metres. Only one coach per team and umpire (s) to attend the meeting.
- During the pre-game meeting, the Attendance Trackers from both teams will meet and confirm the total attendees list at the event does not exceed 50 people. If there is in excess of 50 people the Attendance Trackers will alert the coaches and umpires that the game cannot proceed until someone leaves the facility.

## During Activity

- Follow all **physical distancing** and **mask usage** requirements as stated in the Safety Guideline for Facility User Groups
- If a player is choosing to wear a mask while on the field of play and they are having difficulty breathing it is recommended that face coverings be removed and that players be switched out or given breaks after wearing face coverings for prolonged periods,
- Should a player need to leave the field of play due to breathing concerns associated with wearing a face covering, any player on the bench may replace the removed player and not be counted as a substitution leaving/re-entering the game,
- It is recommended all participants bring two (2) face coverings to each softball activity, one to be on your person or readily available if unable to maintain physical distancing,
- No person should pick-up or handle anyone else's helmet/face covering,

- The umpire is not to handle any equipment other than their own during a game including game balls,
- Defensive team will sanitize the ball for their team during the game. Balls should be routinely rotated and sanitized. The pitcher and catcher will call time and the ball will be given to the Sanitizing Champion to be sanitized. The Sanitizing Champion will throw in a sanitized ball in exchange,
- Offensive coaches are to remain an appropriate distance from 1st and 3rd base at all times, based on current PHO requirements, regardless of where it may locate them on the diamond (as long as it does not increase the danger to a coach's personal safety),
- Between pitches, the umpire and the batter may choose to move the appropriate physical distance, based on current PHO requirements, away from the catcher. Once the play is ready to resume, umpire and batter shall move back into position, and umpire signals play ball,
- Coach to Umpire, Player to Umpire, and Umpire to Umpire conferences will be done following the current PHO physical distance requirements, unless all participants to the conference are wearing face coverings in which case the conference may be done at normal distance,
- Coach, Pitcher, and Catcher may have a defensive conference at the pitching circle, with the current appropriate physical distance being observed by all parties, unless all participants to the conference are wearing face coverings in which case the conference may be done at normal distance,
- Offensive team conference may be held with the current appropriate physical distance being observed by all participants, unless all participants to the conference are wearing face coverings in which case the conference may be done at normal distance,
- Whenever possible teams are to maintain appropriate physical distancing while off the field of play, with players in designated areas in the ballpark. Spectators will maintain physical distancing, along the sides of the diamond, or in the outfield away from designated player areas as appropriate to the layout of the ballpark,
- No player may lick their fingers during softball activities. Pitchers may use pitching rosin and/or gorilla rags at all levels. If a player does lick their fingers while on the field, the player must leave the game and may only return to the game after they have sanitized or washed their hands with soap and water. Any player on the bench may replace the removed player and not be counted as a substitute leaving/re-entering the game,
- At the conclusion of a play at a base or bases, the batter/runner and defensive player should separate and establish appropriate distancing again as soon as possible. Umpire may assist in this by verbal reminder,
- When an at-bat has finished, if the batter struck out or was put out prior to reaching 1st base, the batter will pick up their own bat and carry it back to the dugout, where they either hand it to the Sanitizing Champion or return it to their personal equipment bag. If the batter reaches base, their bat will be picked up by the barrel by the on-deck batter and handed to the Sanitizing Champion for sanitizing and return to the original batters' equipment space,
- All players must sanitize their hands when returning to their dugout at the end of each half-inning,

## After Activity

- No handshake with the opposing team/officials after the game.
- Follow all facility guidance with respect to exit flow.
  - All participants are to leave the playing field immediately after the game has ended. No team meetings at the venue post game.
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- Next team to play on that diamond will not step onto the diamond or surrounding area until all members of the previous games team have left the area,
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- Follow all facility guidelines pertaining washroom use.
- Attendance Tracker takes a photo of Attendance sheet for the activity and emails it to the LFA Attendance Coordinator at lfafields@gmail.com. It is also to be sent to covid-attendance@tol.ca by LFA.
- To ensure physical distancing during arrival and departure from Township of Langley diamonds must be done as per the Ingress & Egress Plan ([attached](#))