



UPDATE ON COVID-19 – APRIL 24, 2020

We all hope that everyone is doing well during this unprecedented time in society dealing with this pandemic. Please find below some updated information of where we currently sit.

What is the status of a Baseball Season in Saskatchewan for 2020?

Baseball Sask still has no plans to cancel the 2020 season at this time. The targeted start of the season is very fluid so we will not state any specific dates yet at this time. However, as we are learning more each day about COVID-19 and how it is affecting society, we will constantly be re-evaluating our plans for the upcoming season as more information becomes available.

As it currently stands, all Baseball Sask sanctioned activities remain in a suspended state.

Yesterday, the Government of Saskatchewan detailed their plan to “Re-Open Saskatchewan” in a slow, cautious manner. They detailed their 5 Phase Plan of how this will roll out. Please see photo below detailing the Phases.

Re-Open Saskatchewan

A methodical 5 phased approach to slowly lift restrictions and re-open businesses and services.

Phase 1	Re-Open Medical Services, Angling & Boat Launch (<i>May 4th</i>), Golf Courses (<i>May 15th</i>), and Parks & Campgrounds. (<i>June 1st</i>)
Phase 2	Re-Opening Retail and Personal Care Services. (<i>May 19th</i>)
Phase 3	Re-Open Food Services, Gyms & Fitness Facilities, Licensed Establishments and Child Care Facilities. Increase public & private gatherings to 15 people. (<i>TBD</i>)
Phase 4	Re-Open Indoor & Outdoor Recreation and Entertainment Facilities. Increase public & private gatherings to 30 people. (<i>TBD</i>)
Phase 5	Consider lifting some long-term restrictions, such as limits on the size of public gatherings. (<i>TBD</i>)

Restrictions related to the highest risk areas like travel, large gatherings and long term care facilities, will stay in place for the foreseeable future.

Re-opening Indoor and Outdoor Recreation is detailed in Phase 4 of this Plan. What that means is that we will not be given the go-ahead to resume play until Phases 1 to 3 have been completed successfully. As soon as we are given the go ahead that it is safe to our members by the Sask Health Authorities and all Government Agencies, we will let you all know immediately. However, until then, we thank you for your cooperation and patience in this National attempt to flatten the curve.

What is the status of the annual May 15th Baseball Sask Membership Registration deadline for all Rally Cap, 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U?

Baseball Sask will be extending a new deadline for the 2020 season to June 19th for all Rally Cap, 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U players and coaches.

Note: 21U and Senior are currently June 19th, so we keep that the same until further notice if required.

If we feel the need to extend this deadline again, we will let you all know ASAP.

How will this affect the June 5th Provincial Team Registration Deadline for 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U and the June 19th deadline for all 21U and Senior Divisions?

Assuming we are still able to hold our Provincial Championships, we will need to extend this deadline to a date to be determined later. Once we have that date set, we will let you all know.

How will this affect the 2020 Baseball Sask Provincial Championships?

This will all depend on when we are able to get back on the field and resume baseball activities in Saskatchewan. We truly hope that we are able to run our 2020 Provincial Championships, however, there is a very strong possibility that if we are delayed enough in starting the season that all Provincial Championships will be moved to mid to late August.

Is the Baseball Sask office still closed?

Yes. In order to protect the health and safety of all building residents, and to do our part to limit the community spread of Covid-19, Sask Sport has closed the Mosaic Stadium to the public until further notice. The Baseball Sask staff are currently working remotely and are occasionally stopping into the office to check on the mail and deliveries. Operations will continue as usual, but the best way of contacting staff will be through each staff members email in link below:

<https://www.baseballsask.ca/directory/executive-members>

What is the status of Western Canada and Baseball Canada Championships?

On Thursday, April 23, 2020, it was announced that ALL Western Canada and Baseball Canada Championships would be cancelled for 2020.

This means that there will be no Team Sask Selects attending Westerns (14U Girls) or Nationals (13U Boys, 15U Boys, 16U Girls, 17U Canada Cup, 21U Men or 21U Women).

What is the status of NCCP Coaching Modules?

We are pleased to announce that we will soon be scheduling online NCCP Modules that can accommodate up to 20 coaches per Module. We have recently trained Learning Facilitators to instruct the 6 Modules online. Should you have interest in becoming certified in attending these, please contact Nolan Bracken at nolan@baseballsask.ca and let him know what modules you need.

What is the status of Umpire Clinics?

Our Provincial Umpire Committee is currently in the process of creating a way to attend an Online Clinic for Level 1 & 2. There will be more details to follow once this process has been finalized and ready to offer. Should you have any questions, you can email Scott Mills at scottmills4@gmail.com.

Attention Coaches! – Free Clinics from Coaching Association of Saskatchewan



The Coaches Association of Saskatchewan is offering courses open to all coaches, and CAS members will have their registration fee refunded (training will be free after reimbursement).

They have sold out of most courses and will be looking at adding more in the coming week.

To become a member of the CAS there is a \$20 Annual Fee (This is not to be confused with a Baseball Sask membership fee). Please go to <https://saskcoach.ca> for more details.

Also, in addition to the CAS clinics detailed above, during this time of physical distancing due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Sport Institute Network (COPSIN) is now offering free webinars for coaches to give them professional development opportunities and a chance to connect with each other. These webinars are geared towards HP coaches, and are appropriate for coaches working with athletes competing at the National level. Registration is open for the courses remaining in April. Information for May courses will be sent at a later date.

Link to register for Webinars

https://mcusercontent.com/e66bf0b2f8a26f40801434ee9/files/4bca4e8f-d151-46e5-8ce0-3ec52f0647bc/COPSIN_Advantage_Coaches_Webinars_April_EN_04_16_2020.pdf

Parents Asking about REFUNDS in the situation that the 2020 Season is Cancelled?

We have received many messages asking Baseball Sask how they can get refunds for the Registration Fees that they paid their Local Minor Ball Club.

Please be aware that you will need to contact your Local Minor Ball Club for these refunds as they are the ones that collected those fees.

The only fee that Baseball Sask receives is \$25 per player and coach and that is not actually invoiced to the Local Minor Ball Club until June annually.

Therefore, should there not be a season in 2020, Baseball Sask will not be invoicing the Local Minor Ball Club at all.

Please stay safe and healthy as we all keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to play some baseball sometime this summer!

