

Baseball Sask COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

Baseball Sask Administration Questions

Will there be a 2020 Baseball Season in Saskatchewan?

Baseball Sask has no plans to cancel the 2020 season at this time. The targeted start of the season in May 2020 is a few weeks away and expected to be able to proceed. 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. As of now, we have not yet heard when this will change. 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.

Are there restrictions on tryouts and camps? What is allowed, and what is not?

At this time, no game, practice, off-field/on-field training, meeting, gathering, party, etc. can take place. There is currently no way of knowing when these activities will be permitted but we will continue to update the Baseball Sask membership on a regular basis following any updates.

Is the Baseball Sask office 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 <u>staff members email</u>.

Will there be any changes to MAP Funding?

As it currently stands, there will be no changes to the MAP Grant application process. The deadline will continue to be July 1, 2020. However, if we feel we need to extend that deadline, we will let you know.

Baseball Sask Program Updates

When and how can Local Associations conduct their League and Scheduling Meetings?

Baseball Sask understands the provincial social distancing guidelines may impact some of our Local Associations meetings. We are committed to working with our Associations to find the best course of action for delivery if they need our assistance. In the meantime, we would recommend you look into Video Conferencing sites such as Zoom, Skype or Microsoft Teams.

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 19^{th,} so we keep that the same until further notice if required.

If we feel 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 chance that if we are delayed enough in starting the season that all Provincial Championships will be moved to August.

How will athletes be identified for 13U Selects, 14U Girls, 15U Selects, 16U Girls, Baseball Canada Cup, 21U Men and 21U Women?

This will all depend on what the final decision is regarding the 2020 Baseball Canada and Western Canada Championships. There is a strong possibility that all of these Championships may be cancelled for 2020. We hope to receive an answer to that in the near future.

How will this affect the 2020 Saskatchewan Summer Games in Lloydminster?

The 2020 Saskatchewan Summers Games as of now are still a go. However, that can change at any time by the Sask Games Council should they feel it is simply to safe enough to have them go forward in 2020. There is always a chance that they are postponed until the summer of 2021.

What is the status regarding Umpire Clinics?

As is currently stands, these cannot be held in person. Our Umpire Committee is looking into ways in which these can possibly be scheduled online. Once they have more details, they will be reporting back to us.

What is the status regarding NCCP Module Training?

Baseball Canada is in the process of training 5-6 of our Learning Facilitators to instruct NCCP Modules online using Adobe Connect. Once we have more details on this, we will let you know these will be offered of if you want to host one.

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