



SVLL RTP GAME GUIDELINE UPDATES May 2021 T-Ball & Rookie Divisions

***Health and safety of our players and families is our utmost priority.
Please remind parents that if their player is feeling unwell in anyway, they should not attend
practice or games until they are healthy.***

**Under Phase 2 Stage 2 Guidelines, games may now be played within the SVLL family.
Highlighted below are additional protocols & considerations for
games from your RTP Committee.**

Arrivals and Departures

- These will continue as per the assigned baselines depending on whether the team is designated Home or Away.
- Players will arrive no more than 1 hour 15 min prior to game time for attendance/ health check procedures and warm up.
- Attendance & Health Screening procedures established during Phase 2 remain in place. **TSR should indicate parent assigned as Scorekeeper(s) & Ball Sanitizer in ASSIGNMENTS for attendance record keeping/contact tracing.**
- At each division teams must remain intact. For game rosters opposing coaches should consult if player shortage is a concern and “sharing” of players within those scheduled to play is permitted if deemed essential for the game to proceed.
- If no solution is available within the rosters of the teams scheduled to play the game another player from **within the division** may be called upon to play.
- If no solution is available from within the division, please consult the President for a viable solution emailing president@svll.ca

Team Safety Rep and Volunteers

- TSR will designate a parent/volunteer from the Visiting team to sanitize the balls.
- Scoreboard keeper/operator will be from the Home team. Scorekeeping is at the discretion of the coaches. Pitch counts must be kept regardless of whether scores are.
- Please report pitch counts to president@svll.ca

Organization

- Dugout use is not permitted because of logistics.
- Players are to line-up behind the dugout in their designated boxes.
- Batting helmets need to be worn at all times and bats remain on the ground until it is their turn at bat.

Grounds Crew

- Only the designated team “Grounds Crew” representative may access the can and field prep equipment.

Officials

- Adult Umpires will be scheduled for games and parents may be called on to fill this duty.



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- Placement of the umpire is at their discretion either by home plate or pitcher's mound but regardless must maintain social distancing.
- Any meetings or consultation needed must also maintain appropriate distance.
- All umpire calls are final and must not be questioned.
- Communication with umpires is limited to requesting the count.

Equipment & Sanitization

- 6 balls will be used during the game instead of the usual 4.
- A designated adult will be located at the third base dugout entrance and will be responsible for receiving, sanitizing, and reentering balls into the game via the umpire after each play. A rag, bucket and disinfectant spray will be provided for this purpose and will be kept in the can.
- Players will also sanitize after each switch between fielding and batting.
- 3 kits of catchers' gear will be provided for each team and thereby catchers will be limited to 3 per game unless players have their own equipment. Coaches are responsible for sanitizing after use and storage.

Scorekeeping

- The score shack is closed for score keeping.
- It may be accessed to retrieve the scoreboard console.
- Console should be sanitized before and after use.
- Scoreboard operator must sit along the fence to the right of the 3rd base bleachers for ease of use with the extension cord.
- Home team should provide the scorekeeping personnel needed for operating the scoreboard console.
- Pitch count must be recorded and reported to president@svll.ca

Spectators

- The bleachers are closed during this phase as the PHO has determined there are NO SPECTATORS at this time.

Washroom Use

- Players only
- TSR please sanitize at opening and closing or designate a volunteer to do this
- Please remind players to use the paper towel provided to open and close the door to reduce use of this high touch surface.
- Please also remind players to use the washroom prior to attending and be sure to bring lots of water on these hot days!



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FOR REFERENCE FROM BASEBALL BC

Phase 2 Guidelines and Recommendations (Stage 2)

All guidelines listed above are applicable with the following notable changes.

Modified and in club game play is permitted.

Refer to PHO or local health authorities for current restrictions.

- Only game play between teams from the same club are permitted in this phase
- Any modified or in club game play permitted in this phase to follow Baseball BC Phase 3 Game Play Guidelines and Recommendations during game play.
- Participants do not need to maintain physical distancing during brief game related interactions occurring during the normal course of play; however, minimized physical contact is still advised. Intentional physical contact not related to game play, such as high fives, is not permitted.
- Physical distancing should be maintained between all participants when off the field of play.
- All players to sanitize their hands when returning to the dugout from the field, after each at bat and as required.
- Baseballs need to be new or disinfected every time they are entered into play.
- Umpires must comply with social distancing requirements and may need to use alternate positioning to comply.
- On field pre-game home plate meetings should adhere to physical distancing requirements.
- The BC Baseball Umpires Association (BCBUA) Line Up Exchange Protocols should be utilized if on field pre-game home plate meetings are held.
- No mound visits by catcher or coach unless physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
- No postgame handshakes.
- All scorekeeping, announcing and scoreboards operation to be performed outside and not in buildings or booths with social distancing requirements in mind.
- All bleachers and stands should be closed to spectators.
- Practices and training are still expected to follow all Phase 2 requirements and Guidelines as listed above.