



## Bingham Baseball "Yellow Phase" Plan

As we have navigated this unprecedented pandemic, we have all had to make some very hard decisions that have kept us from playing baseball and supporting the children in our community. On behalf of the Bingham Baseball League (the "League") Board, we thank all of our volunteers, league officials, coaches, the City of South Jordan, and parents for your patience, leadership, and understanding.

The safety and well-being of all our families, friends, and participants is always paramount, and today, is more important than ever. To assist our City as they move in the Yellow Phase, we have compiled the 2020 Season Resumption Plan outline below. You'll find guidance that will help our League return to the field with information on team adjustments, interleague play, and more that reflect direction for Utah Phased Health Guidelines, version 4.4 (5/15/2020).

When we do return to the fields, it'll be more important than ever to think about those things off-the-field that make the League experience special; teaching life lessons; being kind and gracious to umpires, coaches, and opposing teams; and supporting our community.

The following measures are designed to minimize the risk of the introduction of COVID-19 and to protect covered individuals and their families, including high-risk individuals. These measures must be coupled with the efforts of these individuals to minimize their community risk.

	Mandatory	Recommended Best Practices
<b>Arrival to Venue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All participants, spectators, and volunteers must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the facility/fields.</li> <li>No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.</li> <li>Compliant game balls must be designated to each team for use while that team is playing defense.</li> <li>To limit the number of people gathering between games, incoming teams cannot enter the field area until the team they are replacing has vacated the space.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams are recommended to wait for field availability beyond the outfield fence.</li> <li>Lineups should be entered online or by spoken word and recorded by officials without exchanging any physical documents with coaches or Athletes.</li> <li>Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household.</li> </ul>
<b>Athletes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must adhere to six-foot social distancing while off the field of play.</li> <li>Must wear face coverings at all times when not actively participating in the field of play.</li> <li>Must conduct daily symptom assessments by guardians, coaches, and Athletes (self-evaluation) before entering the baseball complex. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is strongly recommended for athletes between innings.</li> <li>Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation (player equipment bags hung properly and details stored).</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No spitting or eating while on the field or in the dugout.</li> <li>Must not share liquids. Personal belongings should be used only by the individual owner or operator, including, but not limited to, water bottles, gloves, hats, helmets, and other on and off-field gear.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing team gear is permitted with reasonable sanitization.</li> </ul>
<b>Spectators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices. This requirement includes in and around bleachers for anyone not in the same household.</b></li> <li>Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.</li> <li>Must not enter player areas (on the field of play or bench areas).</li> <li>Must keep six-feet or more distance from the backstop, while in line for the restroom, and all other times when possible.</li> <li>No contact with Athletes or coaches inside team dugouts at any point.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings are strongly recommended at all times.</li> <li>Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is recommended during games.</li> </ul>
<b>Coaches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.</b></li> <li>Coaches are to check for symptoms with players verbally.</li> <li>Must conduct daily symptom assessment on self.</li> <li>Clean Dugouts: Coaches will be required to ensure dugouts are cleaned after each game so that the League can properly sanitize high-touched areas (i.e., the bench area, gate handles, etc.).</li> <li>There will be no warming up between innings other than with the catcher/pitcher.</li> <li>End of game: Lining up to shake hands with the opposing team is not permitted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams will need to warm up outside the ballpark or at an offsite location prior to games. Limited time will be given at the ball field prior to the game to warm up Athletes' arms only.</li> <li>It is strongly recommended to wear face coverings at all times.</li> <li>Hand washing or hand sanitization, in the absence of soap and water, is recommended strongly during the games.</li> <li>Foul ball retrieval is made by the defensive team only.</li> <li>Teams done playing must exit the park in a timely manner.</li> </ul>
<b>Umpires</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with Athletes, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.</b></li> <li>Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.</li> <li>Must wear face coverings at all times.</li> <li>Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with Athletes, coaches, or spectators.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11U and under: Umpire moved from behind the plate out to behind the pitcher's mound.</li> <li>12U and older: Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still able to perform their duty.</li> </ul>

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<b>Leaving the Venue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals should <b>not congregate</b> in common areas or parking lot following the event.</li> <li>• Umpires should adhere to social distancing practices when interacting with Athletes, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.</li> <li>• Individuals should not exchange items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team meetings should occur virtually or over the phone rather than in a team huddle.</li> <li>• Athletes are strongly recommended to leave with a member of their immediate household, or by the party that transported them to the venue.</li> <li>• Team treats should be individually pre-packaged items.</li> </ul>

In addition to the above guidelines, the League plans to:

- Sanitize high touch areas as appropriate, such as door handles, handrails, gate locks, restrooms, and dugout benches with a sanitizing tablet solution and one-gallon sprayer, a similar solution to what gets used on shopping carts. The main active ingredient in the tablet is quaternary ammonium, which is in the EPA list of antimicrobial agents that meet their criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19 novel coronavirus).
- Maintain hand sanitizer solution for each dugout as appropriate for participants.
- Game start/finish times will be spaced to allow 30 minutes for cleaning and arrival/departure of patrons.
- Limit spectators inside the complex per field by:
  - Emailing each participants guardian prior to resuming play;
  - Sending a text alert message to all participants
  - Ensuring coaches are aware of the guidelines to help manage spectators; and
  - The League is advising spectator limitations to only two spectators per player within the ballpark complex.
  - The League is advising households with children to group themselves outside the baseball complex area and within city park open-space behind outfield fence lines.
  - League officials will monitor and request households to vacate complex areas where guidelines are not being followed.
- If concessions are to be opened, **only** pre-packaged goods will be sold (e.g., candy, can or bottled soda pop, packaged ice-cream, etc.). Concessions will limit the number of workers to permit social distancing of six-feet. The wearing of gloves and face coverings must be maintained at all times.
  - Proper and frequent hand cleaning guidelines will be followed.