

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Guidelines for return to Winter Baseball in a COVID-19 Environment

Please note: South Australia can currently operate at AIS Framework **Level B** **for outdoor activities** only.

HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS

- Prior to playing all equipment needs to be disinfected
- Everyone to wash hands upon entry and exit to and from game.
- Attendance must be recorded and kept by the club, plus copy returned to SAWBA president after each game (required by SA Health)
- After each ½ innings the ball must be disinfected.
- If teams have teams' helmets, they must be disinfected between usage.
- If a player has his/her own helmet, they cannot share it with other players.
- If player has his/her own bat, they cannot share it with other players.
- Team bats must be disinfected between use.
- Players are encouraged to use two batting gloves.
- Do not share water bottles/food, including lolly or fruit bowls.
- Spitting and clearing of nasal/respiratory secretions on the diamond is not permitted.
- No high fives, handshakes, or other physical contact.
- No bat boys/girls.

NEW RULES FOR PLAYING UNDER THE COVID-19

- Up to 20 participants including Umpires.
 - Player to adopt a game play where physical distancing on the field, 1.5 and 4 sqm distancing, applies for all teams.
- A. Fielding Team
- Tag plays allowed with the Baseball Glove only, no naked hand holding the baseball tags.
 - Base Fielders to maintain 1.5m and 4 sqm distancing when holding runners on bases.
 - Base Runners cannot run until the ball is hit, e.g. no base stealing.

- The catcher to stand so that they are approximately 1.5m away from the batter's body when the batter is 'at bat'.

B. Batting Team

- Batter encouraged to purchase and wear 2 batting gloves.

General Considerations.

- Communication will be by direct contact with club/team manager, all other communication will be by SAWBA Face book page.
- Management of people who present who are unwell, experiencing any cold, flu or fever type symptoms.
- Appoint COVID-19 Officer to communicate with SAWBA and BSA if health issues arise.