



Glen Allen Youth Athletic Association

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GAYAA Return to Play Guidelines

Following Governor Northam's announcement that Virginia will enter PHASE II on June 5, the GAYAA Board of Directors is issuing the following Return to Play Guidelines. As details around PHASE II are clarified and timing of PHASE III is confirmed, these are subject to minor modifications. We all have a role to play in a safe and healthy return to the fields, so thank you for your support as we restart our season!

Schedule

- Informal practices to start June 6 on a reservation based system only
 - o Limited field usage to manage stay in compliance with State guidance on outside exercise
- Formal practices start June 13
 - o Staggered times to manage traffic
 - o Differentiated "entrance" and "exits" at JBP where traffic flow can be congested.
- Given the guidelines for recreation sports, we believe we can return to game play when we move to PHASE III.
 - o Current target is June 20-August 1 (Subject to change pending State commentary, guidance, and timing)

Players:

- Players should stay least 10 ft apart, as guided by the State, to the extent possible.
 - o No High fives, huddles, hugs, etc
 - o Any incidental physical encounters of < 10 feet that occurs during the normal course of a baseball and/or softball play is allowed.
- Face coverings are not required, however can be worn at the discretion of each player/family.
- Food prohibited from all "dugout" areas. (i.e. sunflower seeds, chewing gun, etc.)
- No sharing equipment
 - o This includes towels, batting helmets, or catcher's masks.
 - League provided masks are available for teams that need them
 - Play/Rules will be modified to eliminate the need for catcher's gear in the younger age groups.

Parents:

- Sign the Babe Ruth League COVID-19 waiver, and return to your manager prior to participating in a team event (formal or informal)
 - o https://www.glenallensports.com/uploads/8/0/7/8/80783100/brl_covid19_waiver_2020.pdf
- Recommended that each family supply their own disinfectant wipes/cleaners for their players' hands and equipment.
- Bleachers will not be available for spectator/fan seating. Viewing areas will be available down the lines, maintaining responsible physical distancing as outlined by the State.
- In QuickBall, Instructional Softball, Jr Rookie and Rookie divisions, it is encouraged that one parent sit with their child in the "dugout area" to assist their player with proper distancing recommendations.
- For all other age divisions, the "dugout area" is for players and coaches only, unless an injury or illness occurs.
- Keep your player home if they do not feel well, or have been exposed to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 over the last 14 days
 - o If they show up at the ballpark with COVID-19 symptoms, they will be required to leave.
- If a player has tested positive for COVID-19, they will be required to present a doctor's note to return to team activities.
- Keep yourself at home if you do not feel well, if you have COVID-19 or if you have been exposed to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 over the last 14 days.



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Coaches/Umpires/Scorekeepers:

- Face covering is not required and optional.
- Coaches:
 - o Collect waivers from each player prior to them participating, and turn into Division Commissioner
 - o Monitor players for COVID-19 symptoms.
 - o Pre-game BP in cages farthest apart from each other.
 - o Stretching and throwing from appropriate distancing
 - o Distribute baseballs to minimize crowding around the bucket.
 - o Defensive team to provide baseballs/softballs for game play
 - o Encourage regular hand sanitization when appropriate
 - o Sanitize league provided catcher's mask before changing catchers and after each game.
 - If using a league provided catcher's mask – limit the number of catchers used in a game to 2.
 - Play/Rules will be modified to eliminate the need for catcher's gear in younger age groups.
 - o No high fives, hugs or team huddles
 - o Wipe down/sanitize "dugout areas" as needed.
- Umpires:
 - o Umpire will call balls and strikes from behind the mound
- Scorekeepers
 - o Only one adult allowed in scorekeepers box (home team provided scoreboard operator)
 - No children allowed in the box.
 - o Wipe down/sanitize scoreboard controller after game.

JBP and RF&P Setup:

- JBP:
 - o Entrance only between Buffalo Wild Wings field and SLP financial field
 - o Exit only behind SLP Financial Field
- "Dugouts":
 - o Dugouts, Bleachers and bullpens to potentially serve as "dugouts" as needed to ensure recommended distancing.
- Anticipate increased hand sanitization stations

Concessions and Restroom

- Concession stands will be operational at RF&P and JBP and will follow the CDC guidelines for food service.
- Maintain appropriate physical distancing in the concession lines
 - o Order and pickup window
 - o cones/tape designating appropriate spacing
 - o Seating limitation at picnic tables, etc.
- Restrooms: Limit to one person at a time
 - Young children requiring assistance can be accompanied by a parent