



# Return to Play Plan

# NELL Baseball Tournaments



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Welcome back to baseball at Philadelphia Baseball Tournaments. As we return to play, our mission continues to be providing athletes with the most enjoyable, competitive, and positive experience. In order to do so while ensuring the safety of all, we encourage parents, athletes, coaches, and all guests to join us in returning to play responsibly with our new ground rules.

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## TOP FIVE PRIORITIES

- **SANITATION**- We recommend you wash your hands often, and when soap and water is not available, we have hand sanitizer placed throughout the facility for your use.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING**- Please maintain at least 6 feet between you and others, following all posted signage throughout the facility.
- **FACE COVERINGS**- We recommend all guests to wear masks or face coverings while outside the field of play.
- **CLEANING & DISINFECTING**- Please be patient as our team performs more frequent cleaning. Help do your part by keeping your area clean and disposing of trash.
- **HEALTHY MONITORING**- Daily self-evaluated wellness screenings need to be completed by all guests prior to entering the facility. Guests experiencing COVID-19 symptoms while traveling should contact a local health care facility immediately.



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## Minimizing Frequently Touched Areas

- Please **bring your own seating as the bleachers, pavilion, and picnic tables** will be closed.
- The **Indoor Practice facility will be closed** to the public.
- Please **bring your own personal water container** as water fountains will be disabled.
- Doors will be left open to eliminate contact on handles.
- Concession lines **will be ordered and separated** according to the CDC and state/local guidelines.

## Scheduling Features

- Event information will be **communicated digitally** to minimize the hand-off of materials on-site.
- Game start times will be staggered, and **we recommend teams to not arrive more than 1.5 hours prior to the game.**
- We ask that upon arrival for a teams first game of the tournament, **only one coach comes to the tournament's tent to check in.** PBT staff will direct you to the appropriate warm up space.

## Umpire Rules

- Ground Rules will be carried out at the home plate area, but **coaches are asked to stay on the perimeter of the dirt** while the umpire is going through the rules.
- The umpires will **call the games from behind the pitcher's mound.**
- In the event that a coach would like to ask for clarification on a call, or appeal, **we ask that the coach does so from a 6 foot distance** (the recommended social distancing space).
- Umpires **are not required to wear masks while on the field of play, but can be worn as desired.**



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## Pre-Game

- Teams will have **20 minutes to hit in the cages before the next time slot is up**. We ask that when the coach checks in, **PBT staff will direct them to the appropriate cages**. Please be **courteous of the other teams also needing to warm up**.
- New baseballs will be designated to each individual game.
- After the completion of the previous game, please enter **the field for the upcoming game through the outfield gates, and leave bags on the fence** until PBT staff has disinfected the dugout.

## During The Game

- Dugouts will be **limited to coaches, and the on-deck and in the hole batters**. The **bleachers on either side of the dugouts will be used as the dugout for the remaining players**. Coaches will be allowed in the dugouts to assist flow of the game.
- Hand Sanitizer will be **available at the entrances of the dugouts, and is intended to be used upon entering and exiting the dugouts**.
- **No spitting, sunflower seeds, peanuts, or gum**.
- The home plate umpire will be **positioned 6 feet behind the pitcher**.
- Participants (including umpires) inside the field of play are not required to wear a face covering, **but may be worn as desired**.

## Post Game

- **Post game handshakes between teams are prohibited, we ask rather that teams stand in front of their respected dugouts and tip their caps to the opposing team and their fans**.
- **Post game team meetings and will be prohibited on the field of play**.
- Gifts and Award ceremonies will be done with just the winning teams, distributed to the **head coach only, on the winning teams side of the field in the outfield**. We ask that **parents take pictures from the spectator sections of the outfields**.



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## Spectators

- Each field will be **marked by yellow caution tape**, as to where the spectator area will begin and end.
- Spectators **will stand in the outfield of each field**, maintaining **at least 6 feet of separation between themselves and other families** who are also watching the games
- Parking spaces will be **denoted by caution tape and (or) spray paint**, which will allow for a safe distance between vehicles.

## Food, Beverage, and Concessions

- Outdoor dining areas **will be closed** at this time.
- Concession lines **will be ordered and separated** according to the CDC and state/local guidelines.
- Bottled drinks and pre-packaged goods will be served at this time, and **a mask is required when in line**, and ordering at the concessions stand.

## Restrooms

- Indoor restrooms, both men's and women's rooms, will be available in two locations: A set of bathrooms behind the concessions stand and a set of bathrooms in the indoor building.
- Portable restrooms will be placed throughout the complex.
- PBT staff will **clean restrooms every THREE hours**.





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## Moving Forward

- Throughout the season as medical and governmental guidance changes, our Return to Play policies will continue to evolve. All updates will be communicated to participants in advance of their event
- Return to play policies will have the most recently updates version available on our website, <https://phillybaseballtournaments.com/>
- PBT directors and staff will always be on site to help direct and guide all players, coaches, and parents in providing a safe and enjoyable experience at PBT Tournaments.

