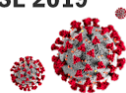


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SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR RESUMPTION OF BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR

March 15, 2021



LET'S SAFELY GET BACK ON THE FIELD

- Follow local & state health guidelines at all times.
- Communicate with your league members on guidelines prior to the start of your season and throughout the 2021 season.
- Make modifications for scheduling of games and practices to meet guidelines.
- Ensure that your charter & insurance are current for 2021 prior to the start of any activities.
- Move all league meetings to a virtual online format for the remainder of the 2021 season.
- Always check for updates online from local & state health officials, as well as from Babe Ruth League Headquarters.
- Play a FULL regular local league season into the fall (if permitted) to allow as many players as possible to participate playing baseball & softball within the community.
- Check in with District & State Commissioners for updates on local 2021 Tournament Trail.
- Stay Safe! Stay Positive! And, Work Together - **#StrongerTogether**



- Local & state health officials have indicated a start date of when activities can resume. Local league officials must then make sure to review all guidelines provided by the local & state officials and Babe Ruth League throughout 2021 season.
- All restrictions that are imposed by local & state officials must be followed, with no exceptions.
- Notify all participants and volunteers of the changes being implemented in accordance with local & state guidelines.
- Local leagues must be chartered & insured before the start of any practices or games.
- Make necessary changes at the park to meet all guideline changes provided by the local & state officials.
- Review suggested Babe Ruth League Guidelines on social distancing for game activities.
- Establish a point of contact for any person wishing to advise a League Official of guidelines not being followed, and steps for the league to notify the person(s) or team that is involved.

REQUIREMENTS

FOR LOCAL LEAGUE PROGRAMS TO RESUME PLAY





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TO ENHANCE ANY LOCAL OR STATE HEALTH OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

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1. All local & state health official guidelines must be followed for any activity to take place.
2. No handshaking/celebrations: Players and coaches should refrain from handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations, etc.
3. Only two (2) players MAXIMUM in the dugout at one time, while also following 6' social distancing guidelines at all times. Remaining players & coaches will be positioned down the left & right field lines (off playing field & outside of fence – if possible) away from throws that might come to 1st and 3rd base. Players will be seated or stand no less than 6' apart and must have at least one (1) Coach to watch over players in this area at all times.
4. Players should limit any sharing of playing equipment, bats, gloves, fielder's mask, catcher's gear, helmets, water bottles etc. Baseballs and Softballs should be cleaned whenever possible and an adequate supply should be on hand.
5. All participants should wear some type of face covering while at the park, and especially while at the games. For example, umpires, players, coaches, scorekeepers, etc. If a player chooses to wear additional PPE, they may do so as long as it does not compromise the safety of other players.
6. Cleaning supplies, as well as hand sanitizer, should be available in the dugout area. Also, hand sanitizer stations should be set up in locations around the park.
7. Parents should be advised to have backup supplies in the player's equipment bag for use when needed and their own marked water bottle or sports drink. No team or dugout coolers are permitted.
8. Review cleaning and sanitation of common areas like dugouts, bathrooms, concession stands or similar areas between games or activities. Teams should be advised to clean out and wipe down dugout or other field areas that they were in prior to leaving the playing field.
9. Limit the number of fans to one (1) spectator per player attending games in the park.
10. Review game schedules to allow for fields to not all be in use at the same time if they are in close distance to one another. Allow for greater gaps in between games to help limit the number of people at the park at one time. For complexes with more than one field, they should look to reduce the amount of games or activities to half of the normal scheduling to allow for greater space in the park.





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11. Fans attending games should follow 6' social distancing guidelines at all times.
12. Suggest that any player, or person not feeling well, should not attend games or practices.
13. Review new procedures with all Team Managers prior to the first activity or game at the park.
14. Managers & Coaches should help to educate players on the hygiene/handwashing/touching of the face suggested guidelines.
15. Any team or player awards are presented wrapped up and given to the Team Manager or team point person. There should not be any on field presentations.
16. Provide proper signage throughout the park on guidelines provided by local and state health officials. Contact Babe Ruth League HQ's for help in having signs made at a reduced cost.
17. Pregame conference will be limited to one (1) Coach per team and one (1) Umpire. Social distancing of 6' is required.
18. The use of candy, chewing gum and/or sunflower seeds is not permitted by players, coaches, umpires or spectators.
19. Batting lineup changes should be limited to communicating from a distance that maintains the 6' social distancing guidelines at all times.
20. Have each team keep track and report all of the players, coaches, umpires or spectator's names that are at the park for each game.
21. These guidelines are to enhance your local & state health guidelines should those guidelines be at a lower standard, or not as detailed for the sports of Baseball & Softball.





CHARTERING & INSURANCE

FOR THE 2021 SEASON

Leagues already chartered for 2021:

Can adjust local league team counts thru July 1st, 2021 (known as “Add/Drop”).

Leagues not yet chartered for 2021:

Must not hold any practices, games or league activities until charter & insurance is approved for the 2021 Season.

Access local league portal to complete the charter & insurance.

Once completed, the league can submit for review by Babe Ruth League Headquarters.

Once reviewed & approved, the league admin is notified to go and make payment via e-check.

Please note that insurance becomes effective the day after payment is made. If you print out your invoices for your charter fees and insurance and mail in your payments for processing, your insurance is effective the day after postmark.

Leagues that choose not to have a season, or who are not permitted by local & state health officials to have a season, are recommended to charter & insure one (1) Major team for the 2021 Season. This will allow your league to still have insurance for league operations through January 31, 2022. Leagues that have chartered & insured but failed to have a season, may reduce team counts back to one (1) Major team in each of the age divisions that they had chartered. A credit will be applied towards the league’s 2022 charter fees; however, insurance payments will be returned via a check from K&K Insurance to the league. Leagues should complete the “Add/Drop” and submit no later than July 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Babe Ruth League Headquarters at 800-880-3142 Monday – Friday 9am-5pm EDT.





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Babe Ruth League Headquarters will help to create local custom signage on any material or size needed, by our Local Leagues. Email SAFE@baberruthleague.org with signs you are looking to have created and we will contact you for the details that will be needed for an order to be placed. Signs can be produced on different materials as well as different sizes based on the need of the league.

POSTED SIGNAGE SUGGESTIONS



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Local Police: 555-555-1234
 Local Fire Dept: 555-555-3456
 League President: 555-555-5678
 Safety Officer: 555-555-7890

Or call 911

Response Address:
 Park Name
 123 Main Street, Anytown, NJ

Emergency Contact List



DID YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to reduce the spread of infectious disease.

CLEAN HANDS SAVE LIVES!

Reminder signage for restrooms, concession stands, park & dugouts





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THE WORLD SERIES IS BACK FOR 2021!

We at Babe Ruth League are thrilled to be announcing the return of our celebrated summer events! All of our leagues across the country are revved up for a great 2021 season and ready to take their shot at Babe Ruth World Series greatness! Here at BRL HQ, we are working tirelessly to create events that continue to be the gold standard, and are also safe for everyone involved. We simply can't wait to welcome you back to another year of amazing World Series events.

To get more updates on all things Babe Ruth League follow us on social media @baberruthleague!



Cal Ripken Baseball World Series:

Cal Ripken 10-Year-Old
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
8/6/2021-8/13/2021

Cal Ripken Major 60
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
8/7/2021-8/14/2021

Cal Ripken Major 70
Branson, MO
8/5/2021-8/14/2021



Babe Ruth Baseball World Series:

13-Year-Old World Series
Jamestown, NY
8/14/2021-8/21/2021

14-Year-Old World Series
Ottumwa, IA
8/14/2021-8/21/2021

13-15-Year Old World Series
Eagle Pass, TX
8/11/2021-8/18/2021

16-18-Year-Old World Series
Mobile, AL
7/31/2021- 8/7/2021





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Babe Ruth Softball World Series:

8U World Series
Treasure Coast, FL 7/27/2021-8/5/2021

10U World Series
Treasure Coast, FL 7/27/2021-8/5/2021

12U World Series
Treasure Coast, FL 7/18/2021-7/27/2021

14U World Series
Treasure Coast, FL 7/18/2021-7/27/2021

16U World Series
Treasure Coast, FL 7/18/2021-7/27/2021

18U World Series
Treasure Coast, FL 7/18/2021-7/27/2021



Cal Ripken Baseball World Series:

9-Year-Old World Series
Treasure Coast, FL 7/28/2021-8/6/2021

11/70 World Series
Treasure Coast, FL 7/28/2021-8/6/2021





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Cal Ripken Baseball World Series:

8-Year-Old Machine Pitch World Series
Ocala, FL 7/30/2021-8/8/2021

8-Year-Old Player Pitch World Series
Cherry Hill, NJ 8/12/2021-8/21/2021

10-Year-Old World Series
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 8/6/2021-8/13/2021

Major/60 World Series
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 8/7/2021-8/14/2021

Major/70 World Series
Branson, MO 8/5/2021-8/14/2021

