



(COVID-19) Update – June 18, 2020

On behalf of our Board of Directors we are happy to report that outdoor sports activities scheduled for the first part of Phase 4 of the plan to re-open the province can get underway effective June 22nd. This includes the sport of softball. **At this time, teams are encouraged to train, practice and play/scrimmage within the team. No games are allowed. Further information about competitions including Tournaments, Provincial Championships and Inter-provincial travel will be released in a future update from the Provincial Government. We want to remind our members to check with your local municipalities regarding the use of softball facilities in your community.**

Our Board of Directors has just approved Version 3.0 of our Return to Play (RTP) Protocols and Guidelines and want to thank our Return to Play Committee for their continued great work. The updated RTP Protocols and Guidelines are available on our website and will be distributed to all Associations and Leagues. The new RTP Protocols and Guidelines have little changes to them other than clarification in some areas. **It is important to note that no games are to be played until Phase 2 of our Softball Saskatchewan Return to Play Protocols and Guidelines. The timeframe for playing games will depend on future announcements from the Provincial Government.** Physical distancing and sanitation measures remain paramount in our sports return to play. Please note that Version 3.0 of our RTP Protocols and Guidelines will need to be updated again once we receive another update from the Provincial Government with more information regarding Phases 4.2 and 5 of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan. We will be holding the second round of Town Hall Membership meetings on Monday June 22nd and Associations /Leagues will be notified shortly with additional information.

We want to remind everyone that before you can participate in any sanctioned softball activities your Association/League and team must:

- **Ensure all participants have completed the necessary Waiver and/or Assumption of Risk forms**
- **Acknowledge all the “Return to Play” requirements**
- **Affiliate with Softball Saskatchewan**
- **Obtain approval from your local municipality to use the softball facilities**

Until all of this has been completed, you will not have membership with Softball Saskatchewan.

Our updated 2020 Provincial Championships including dates and locations are posted on our web site. Thank you to the Associations who have stepped up to host our 2020 Provincial Championships to be held throughout August. Please note they will only proceed upon approval from the Provincial Government as part of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan. With Provincial Championships being moved to August we have made the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 U12 District Showcase. The program will resume in 2021.

Thank you to everyone for continuing your great work to respect social distancing guidelines and sanitation measures that are important pieces to keeping us all healthy and safe, take care everyone.

Guy Jacobson – Executive Director