

CONCORD COMETS RETURN TO BASEBALL UPDATE



The Concord Baseball Club Committee wish to ensure a safe return to baseball for all our players, families and officials and have prepared the following pre-season update and CovidSafe Policy in consultation with Baseball NSW Guidelines and NSW Health advice which will be applied for a return to play in the RHBL Junior Competion for summer 2020-2021 including Try Baseball Days

KEY DATES

TRY BASEBALL DAYS **NEW DATES **

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST, 12:30-2:30

SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER, 11:30-1:30

Open to all age groups from 4 years and up. Activities, and prizes. Free admission.

Bring a friend or two!

CovidSafe "check-in" on the day will be required for all participants and visitors

PRESENTATION DAYS FOR 2019 SEASON **CANCELLED**

OFFICIAL PRESENTATIONS HAVE UNFORTUNATELY BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO UPDATED ADVICE FOR COMMUNITY SPORTS FROM THE CMO AND OFFICE OF SPORT ON TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST -

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/cho-advice-sports.aspx

Medals, Trophies and photo packs will be available for collection during our Try Baseball Events listed above.

2020 AGM

Tuesday 1st September, 7:00pm – The Family Bistro, Massey Park Golf Course

The Concord Baseball Club AGM is open to all club members.

Please RSVP via the <u>AGM event</u> link which can also be found in your TeamStuff schedule calendar and in the email invitation sent out previously.

All positions on the committee officially become vacant and are re-elected at the AGM but we are specifically looking to fill the role of Canteen Coordinator.

If you would like to join the committee and get involved in the running of our great club please email concord.baseball@gmail.com for more information.

JUNIOR CLUB REGISTRATIONS

Close Friday 18th September

Online registrations are now open via the link on the website or by clicking here

Active Kids Vouchers can now be redeemed online during the registration process – please ensure to follow all instructions in SportsTG and if the voucher amount is not showing as deducted from your total before making payment please DO NOT proceed. Contact concord.baseball@gmail.com for assistance.

In order for us to organize teams, coaches, managers and a myriad other pre-season requirements we need players to register as soon as possible. *Online registration will close on Friday 18th September*. Late registrations should contact the Registrar at concord.baseball@gmail.com

Should the season not commence as planned Club Registration fees will be refunded.

SHAKE OFF THE COBWEBS

Thursdays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th September, 6:00-8:00pm

Our annual Shake of the Cobwebs pre-season training is back!

Cobwebs is open to ALL live ball players. Sessions will incorporate fielding and batting skills and will run on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm for four weeks in September commencing Thursday 3rd September.

Players must register to attend Concord Shake off the Cobwebs via the online registration form in the link below.

CONCORD COMETS COBWEBS AND D1 GRADING REGISTRATION FORM

CovidSafe "check-in" on the day will be required for all players and spectators

WE ASK THAT ONLY **ONE** PARENT OR PRIMARY CARER ATTEND WITH THE PLAYERS AND EITHER WAIT IN THEIR CARS OR MAINTAIN AT LEAST 1.5m PHYSICAL DISTANCE FROM OTHER ATTENDEES

DIVISION ONE GRADING

Thursdays 10th, 17th, 24th September, 6:00-8:00pm

The RHBL Division 1 competition is run on Friday evenings with away games being played from Hornsby to Leichardt and everywhere in between.

Trials for D1 teams in LL Majors (U12); LL Juniors (U14) and LL Seniors (U16) will be held during the last three Cobwebs sessions.

Players will be graded in their correct age group by a panel of independent selectors in consultation with team coaches and the Club Coaching Director.

Attendance at each session is mandatory for all players wishing to play in one of our D1 teams.

If a player is unable to attend due to illness, injury or extenuating circumstance, prior arrangements must be made with the Club Coaching Director in writing to concord.baseball@gmail.com

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COACHES AND MANAGERS MEETING

Wednesday 7th October, 7:30-8:30pm – to be confirmed

We all well know that, thanks to Covid19, this year will look like no other and, with additional hygiene and contact tracing protocols to be managed, we want to ensure that our coaches and managers are fully informed and supported in keeping our club and our sport safe.

A coaches and managers meeting will be held prior to Muster day during which we will cover TeamStuff use, CovidSafe protocols and all other aspects of managing a baseball team.

If you are interested in coaching please send your expression of interest to the Club Coaching Director at concord.baseball@gmail.com

If you are interested in managing a team please send your expression of interest to the Club Manager's Coordinator at marcel.andrieux@icloud.com

MUSTER DAY

Saturday 10th October, 2pm – to be confirmed

Traditionally Concord Baseball Club has held an annual muster day where team kits are collected, players meet their new teammates, coaches & managers and we provide information on training and the season ahead

This has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday 10th October at 2pm but may need to be changed or have teams staggered depending on Covid restrictions at the time.

Please keep an eye out on Facebook, our newsletter and, of course, TEAMSTUFF for updates.

CovidSafe "check-in" on the day will be required for all players and spectators

AGAIN WE ASK THAT ONLY **ONE** PARENT OR PRIMARY CARER ATTEND WITH THE PLAYERS

SEASON COMMENCEMENT

BATTER UP! BASEBALL IS BACK ON TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

We are working hard towards an October commencement for the RHBL Summer Juniors competition. Of course this is dependent on Covid19 restrictions which can change on short notice but we are planning for it to go ahead.

Team training will start on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October (the week school goes back for term four). Training times and allocations will be advised once teams are finalised.

RHBL Summer competition will commence on Friday 23rd October (D1 comp) and Saturday 24th October (Pre-Live, D2 and D3 comps)

CovidSafe "check-in" on training and game days will be required for all spectators and visitors

UNIFORM SHOP

PLACE ORDERS BEFORE FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Due to the confined space in the uniform shop and current Covid physical distancing requirements, uniform orders this year will be managed with online ordering via the link below. *Please place your order before Friday 25th September*. CONCORD BASEBALL UNIFORM ORDER

Orders will be packed and available in the canteen for collection and payment at team training sessions prior to season start

We will not be accepting cash payments this year and eftpos will be available in the canteen on order collection.

CANTEEN

LIMITED SERVICE

At this stage, the canteen will NOT be open to purchase food or drinks. This may change in the leadup to season start and we will keep you notified of any changes.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A CANTEEN COORDINATOR SO IF YOU'RE KEEN TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB AND WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE LET US KNOW. EMAIL CONCORD.BASEBALL@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CONCORD COMETS RETURN TO BASEBALL COVIDSAFE PROTOCOLS FOR RHBL JUNIOR COMPETITION

The Concord Baseball Club Committee wish to ensure a safe return to baseball and have prepared the following CovidSafe Policy in consultation with Baseball NSW Guidelines and NSW Health advice which will be applied for a return to play for summer in the RHBL Junior Competition for summer 2020-2021 including Try Baseball Days

Our return to baseball policy has been written to ensure the safest possible return to our sport for players, families and officials alike and Concord Baseball Club will follow NSW Health and NSW Government Guidelines in relation to notification of any COVID positive participants in any Club event.

MyGuestLIst QR code attendance check-in will be required at all club events, training sessions and games. Please exercise social responsibility and, if you are feeling at all unwell or considered in a high-risk category, please stay at home and stay up to date with the latest Government advice.

HYGIENE AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

By now we are all aware of the hygiene protocols around avoiding the spread of COVID-19. The following must be adhered to for all players, officials and spectators involved in baseball at Concord Baseball Club

GENERAL HYGIENE

- Nash your hands regularly with soap and water especially after eating or using the bathroom
- > Use alcohol-based hand santiser when soap and water are unavailable
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- \(\) If you or anyone in your home are unwell, please stay at home.
- \ If you have visited Victoria or any of the NSW Govt identified hotspots, please stay at home.

ADDITIONAL HYGIENE FOR BASEBALL

- A covid safety officer is to be nominated from each team and will be responsible for ensuring all team spectators have checked in and santising game balls and any shared team equipment after each use.

 This role needs to be separate from Coach and Manager
- > Gloves to be worn when sanitizing equipment
- 🔪 Hand sanitizer will be available for visitors and Team kits will contain santiser, disinfectant wipes and spray
- > Santiser stations will be provided in each dugout for team use only
- > Teams are to retrieve their own foul balls and disinfect them before returning them to play
- > Umpires will not handle game balls
- New Players should have their own hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes in their kit
- No seeds or spitting
- No sharing of equipment or other personal items such as drink bottles, towels, clothing or food
- > Personal bats should not be piled up together
- > Team bats and helmets are to be sanitised with disinfectant spray after each use
- > Helmets are provided in each team kit but we strongly encourage all live ball players to have their own helmet if possible
- Dugout benches are to be sanitized before vacating dugout and before putting away
- Personal equipment should be wiped down after training and games ready for next use
- No uniform fitting or measuring will be conducted

COMMUNITY PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Navoid close contact no high-fives, handshakes or huddles
- Nhere possible, maintain 1.5 physical distance
- > Please don't linger at the ground after training and games remember: Get in, train/play and go

ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL DISTANCING FOR BASEBALL

- > Groups will be limited to 20 participants including officials
- \ If group/pair work is required, pairs to be consistent across the event.
- Name Players are to arrive dressed and ready to take the field no access to change room
- New Players' Kits and equipment (including personal bats) to be placed 1.5m apart
- Nonly team officials and players within the marked-out perimeter of dugouts, training areas and batting shed
- Natting cages are available for use by one team at a time under the Four Square Metre Rule and players are to maintain 1.5m distance at all times within the shed
- Name and carers are asked not to wait inside the batting shed

SPECTATORS AND RECORD KEEPING

BASEBALL SPECTATORS

- > Please limit spectators to ONE parent or primary carer only
- National All spectators are required to check in via our MYGuestList QR code
- > Spectators are to remain outside training and game zones including marked perimeter of dugouts and inside the batting shed
- Necessary Spectators should bring their own chairs and maintain 1.5m distance
- Covid safety officers will be monitoring physical distancing at all Try Baseball events, training and home games
- > If you are unwell please stay at home

RECORD KEEPING

- We are required to keep accurate player and spectator attendance records
- > Player attendance in TeamStuff MUST be kept up to date managers are to confirm at all training sessions and games
- Spectator attendance must be registered via the MyGuestList QR code or SMS Club and team Covid Safety Officers will be provided with a copy of the QR code and it will also be available in front of the canteen, in the batting shed, on dugouts and diamond nets
- Name of the Covidsafe App. Concord Baseball Club recommends downloading the Covidsafe App.

EXCLUSION

- Any participant who has recently been to the State of Victoria should not participate in any training session or game
- Any participant who has been to one of the places identified by the NSW Government at https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates should not attend any training session or game. They should follow the Government instructions on isolation & testing and provide notification to Concord Baseball Club. Keeping us informed helps us to keep our members safe and will be treated with confidentiality to the extent possible
- Any participant identified during a club event, training session or game, as being unwell with a fever or flu like symptoms will be removed from the event and isolated at a safe distance from other participants until they can be collected by a parent or care giver

MYGUESTLIST COVID CHECK-IN

Scan QR Code

Scan the QR code below to be taken to a secure online form allowing you to check-in to Major's Bay Reserve

Check-In data is automatically removed after 28 days



Check in by Text Message

SMS the word *UPC* to the number below together with your full name and email address

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