

**Wyoming American Legion Baseball  
Operations Plan for 2021 (AA, A, B, C)  
Operating in a COVID-19 Environment  
Safety is our No. 1 Priority  
March 23, 2021**

The purpose of this plan is to continue a safe approach to American Legion Baseball in Wyoming. Our 2021 goal is to safely complete a successful baseball season and compete in regional and national tournaments.

We are all accountable to this plan. Be safe.

We can't assume that we will successfully keep Covid-19 out of our programs in 2021.

**As of March 23, 2021, Wyoming American Legion Baseball will be played with these restrictions and recommendations:**

- **Players/parents/legal guardians will sign required waiver (attached) by April 9.**
- **Players, coaches, parents, legal guardians and stadium workers must be healthy to be at the ballpark;** players' health will be monitored by coaches, and coaches health will be monitored by board members. **Each team must stay near its own dugout.**
- **Mandatory team/player restrictions:** No team water jugs; no sunflower seeds; bring your own drinks, use your own; Restrooms and dugouts will be cleaned after each game; Batting gloves are required; Bats and other equipment cleaned after every game; Each player will have a batting helmet, and the helmet will be assigned to the player only.
- **Entry and exit plans (separate from fans) are required.** No postgame handshakes between teams, coaches or players, or pregame handshakes between coaches/umpires. No gatherings of players/fans outside the playing field inside the stadium.
- **Concession stands will be allowed to operate in a socially-distanced manner and will follow health department regulations.**
- **Press box: Social distancing required. Only required workers/media allowed.**
- **Recommendation: Fans required to social distance in the seating areas, down each baseline if possible, and in the grandstands.** Grandstands are required to be sanitized once each day; sunflower seeds are not allowed in grandstands; restrooms are required to be cleaned after each game.
- **Recommendation: Ballpark workers and fans are encouraged to wear face masks.**
- **Traveling Teams: Teams are encouraged to social distance while in transit, and are encouraged to wear masks.**

**Moving forward in a 2021 COVID-19 Environment:** Wyoming American Legion Baseball will use a modified version of the 2020-21 WHSAA Smart Start Sports and Activities Guidelines to operate in the COVID-19 environment.

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**COVID symptoms/signs:**

- Fever greater than or equal to 100.4F
- Cough, Sore Throat, Shortness of breath or trouble breathing, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle or body aches

**COVID-19 Procedures:**

- If an athlete/coach/umpire/other personnel reports or is observed to have any of the signs or symptoms of COVID-19, he/she will be designated as a COVID-suspected individual. He/she must be sent home immediately, or as soon as possible. If the athlete's parents are not present, the athlete will be separated from the team and will wear a mask or face covering;
- Once the athlete is isolated, the parent/guardian must be called to transport the athlete home;
- If the COVID-suspected individual is a minor, the person should not be left unattended while waiting for a parent's arrival. The individual monitoring this player should keep physical distance until the parent/guardian arrives;
- The coach is required to immediately report the athlete/person is suspected of having COVID or has a positive finding on his/her COVID-19 screening;
- The athlete/person must be referred to a health care provider or a local COVID screening hotline;
- Once the athlete leaves the ballpark, the area will be sanitized.

**Team COVID requirements** (Tier 1 is open, Tier 2 is a hybrid of open with intermittent closures, and Tier 3 means closed):

- **Tier 1** – Each team is responsible to screen athletes, participants, coaches and other team personnel. A temperature in excess of 100.4 degrees F disqualifies the player from being at the ballpark. Sanitizing measures are the responsibility the host team. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the facility. Six feet of separation must be maintained as much as possible, and face coverings are strongly encouraged for everyone except athletes and participants.
- **Tier 2 – Positive Test for COVID-19. (State Chairman Cody Beers will be notified immediately of positive test.)** If a team has a positive COVID test, the school moves into Tier 2 and all Tier 1 protocols will be used, plus the following: Teams will work with local health officials to determine the appropriate level of participation in activities. If allowed to participate, event guidelines will be determined in consultation with local, team and state American Legion officials.
- **Tier 3 – 2 or more Positive Tests for COVID-19. (State Chairman Cody Beers will be notified immediately of this development in positive tests, and will make final call to return team to competition.)** When a particular team is in Tier 3, baseball for that team will cease until the team transitions back to Tier 2. Once back in Tier 2, the team will work with local health officials and the state chairman to determine the appropriate level of participation.

**Attachment: Required Wyoming American Legion Baseball Waiver (requirement of every player to sign to play). Coaches will email copies of signed waivers to West Region Board Member Billy Brost at [billy.brost7@gmail.com](mailto:billy.brost7@gmail.com)).**

(Note: This document and waiver may be shared with parents, fans and others at [wyolegionbaseball.com](http://wyolegionbaseball.com))

Questions may be directed to Cody Beers, State Chairman, Wyoming American Legion Baseball, at [gowyobeers@gmail.com](mailto:gowyobeers@gmail.com), or East Region Board Member Jack Simms at [jsimms475@gmail.com](mailto:jsimms475@gmail.com).