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## Cheektowaga Youth Baseball Spring 2020 Program Safety Plan

Cheektowaga Youth Baseball has two privately owned facilities, each with about 5 acres of property within the town. Our safety plan has been developed to provide our players and their families with at least as many safety precautions as anyone would be required to follow during a trip to the grocery store, Wal-Mart, Home Depot or a town park. By providing the youth of our community with an athletic activity, in a safe and responsible manner we will be providing them with much needed exercise that they haven't had due to the lack of formal gym classes and any other form of athletic activity necessary to keep them healthy.

### Facts about Youth Baseball

- The playing field of a youth baseball diamond requires at least 1.1 acres (48,000 sq. ft.) of property and about 0.6 acres (22,000 sq. ft.) of property surrounding the playing field.
- A youth baseball team has around 10 - 11 players per team.
- Including players, coaches and umpires there is at least 1,740 sq. ft. per person on the playing field of a 60 ft. baseball diamond, significantly more for 70 ft. and 90 ft. baseball diamonds used for older players.
- Social distancing is built into the sport and players, coaches, and umpires typically have much more than 6 feet separating them in every direction. (See Exhibit A)

### General Safety Precautions

- All participants, coaches, umpires and parents will be required to wear a protective face mask that covers both their mouth and their nose at all times when at least 6 feet of separation cannot be avoided.
- All players, umpires, and coaches will be required to wear a protective face mask that covers both their mouth and nose during all team & individual events including practices, games when at least 6 feet of separation cannot be avoided.
- Parents and other immediate family members that live in the same home will be the only spectators permitted during any team event.
- Spectators will be required to bring their own seating and shall position their seating so that they are separated by at least 6 feet from everyone except immediate family members that live in the same home. Parents will be encouraged to limit the number of attendees, even those that live in the same home, at all team events.
- Spectators will be encouraged to wear a face mask that covers both their mouth and their nose at all times even when at least 6 feet of separation can be maintained.
- Additional time will be scheduled between consecutive events on the same diamond to avoid multiple teams being at any diamond at the same time. Additionally, families will be asked to arrive no more than 20 minutes before an event and to leave the property immediately following any event.
- CYB will issue each participant that does not own their own helmet and other equipment for their use through the duration of the season where supplies are available.
- For equipment that must be shared, disinfection products will be supplied with the team equipment bag so that the equipment can be disinfected before and after each use.
- CYB will provide hand sanitizer with the team equipment bag for use by coaches, players and umpires. Refills will be provided throughout the duration of the season.
- Players, coaches, umpires and spectators that are experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or have been possibly exposed will not be permitted to participate or attend any league events until cleared by a medical professional.

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#### Safety Precautions for Practices

- Prior to Phase 4, no more than four players, a coach and their parent will be permitted at batting practice.
- When players require additional instruction or adjustment to their stance or mechanics beyond what can be accomplished from a safe distance, parents will assist their child with guidance from the coach at a distance.

#### Safety Precautions for Games

- Players on the playing field, as part of the normal rules of play, are positioned to have no less than and much more frequently significantly more than 6 feet of space between every player.
- Players off the playing field will be required to wear a protective face mask that covers both their mouth and their nose at all times when at least 6 feet of separation cannot be avoided.
- Players on the field will be encouraged to wear a protective face mask but will not be required to.
- Additional seating will be provided to allow players to maintain adequate social distancing.
- A maximum of 3 coaches per team will be permitted to be on the field during games and practices. Coaches will be required to wear a protective face mask that covers both their mouth and their nose at all times when at least 6 feet of separation cannot be avoided.
- A maximum of 2 umpires will be permitted on the playing field at any time. No umpire will be positioned behind the catcher and will be required to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet in every direction from all participants and coaches. Umpires will be encouraged to wear a protective face mask that covers both their mouth and their nose at all times when at least 6 feet of separation cannot be avoided.
- Baseball is a gentleman's game and the tradition of shaking hands after the game has always been an expression of good sportsmanship. We will encourage teams to continue the tradition of good sportsmanship by replacing the post-game hand shake with a cheer at the end of the game.

#### Additional Precautions

- Canceled pre-season skill evaluations and clinics.
- Canceled opening day parade and picnic.
- Indefinitely postponed our annual league outing to a Buffalo Bison's game.
- Canceled in person fundraising events prior to phase 4.
- Modified team drafts to offer remote participation.
- Utilized remote meeting tools to hold Board of Directors meetings.

#### Summary

Cheektowaga Youth Baseball recognizes the importance of the safety precautions and the sacrifices that every citizen has been asked to make. At the same time, we are very concerned and aware of the health risks that these sacrifices has thrust upon the youth of our community. We are committed to the continued health and welfare of our participants and their families and have given a great deal of consideration to accomplishing this mission by developing this comprehensive safety plan.

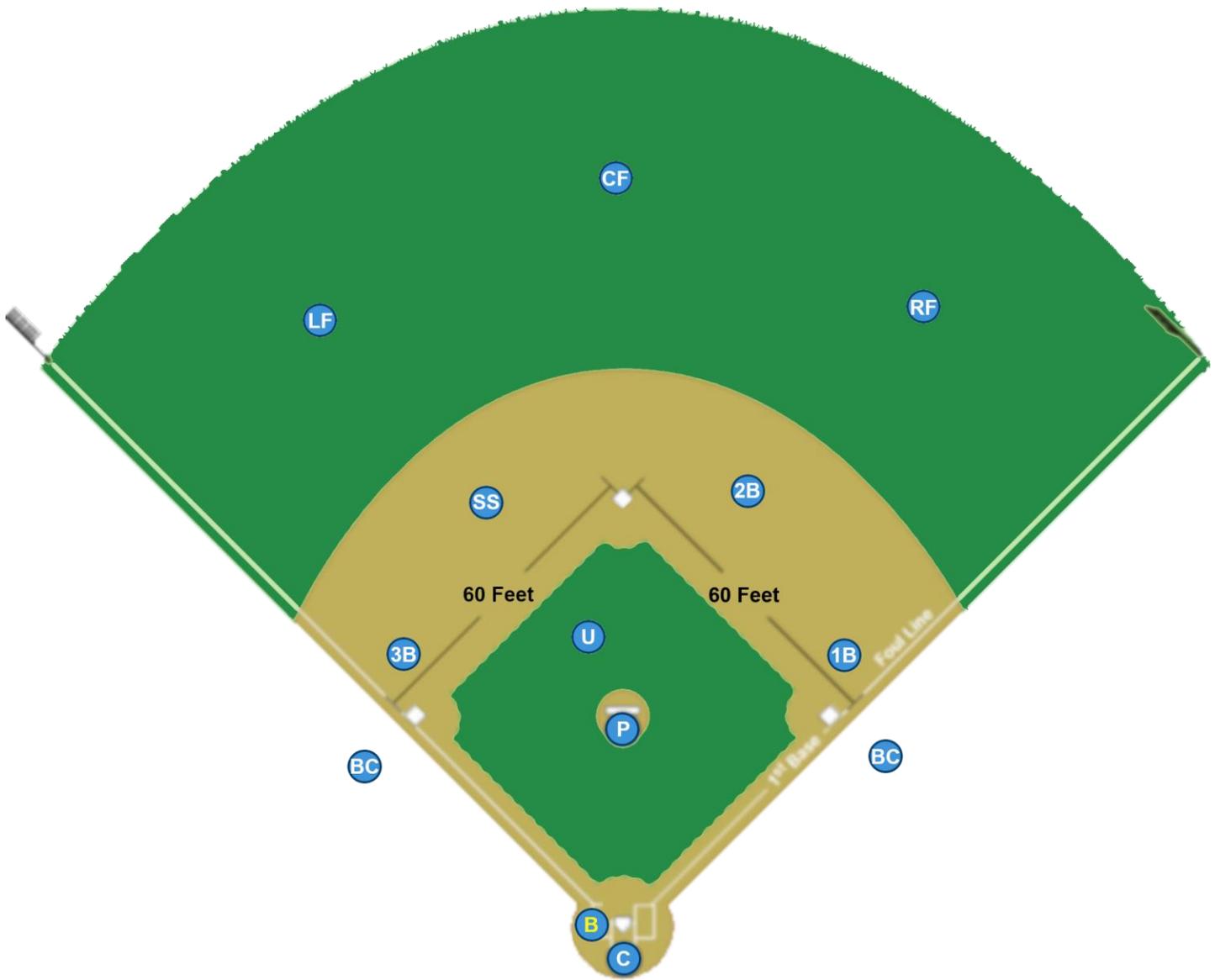
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Exhibit A: Baseball Player Position Map – Social distancing is built into the sport of baseball.





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Exhibit B: CDC current best estimate (as of May 25, 2020) about viral transmission and disease severity in the United States. According to the CDC, this estimate does not reflect the impact of any behavioral changes, social distancing, or other interventions. In other words, it assumes that no behavioral changes have been implemented, masks are not being worn, and social distancing is not being practiced. Based on current CDC recommendations, we have included significant behavioral changes in the CYB Safety Plan that are expected to significantly reduce the viral transmission within our programs.

Parameter	Age Range (years)	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5: Current Best Estimate
<b>R<sub>0</sub></b> Source: Preliminary COVID-19 estimates, ASPR and CDC		2	2	3	3	2.5
<b>Symptomatic Case Fatality Rate by age.</b> Source: Preliminary COVID-19 estimates, CDC	0-49	0.02%	0.02%	0.10%	0.10%	0.05%
	50-64	0.10%	0.10%	0.60%	0.60%	0.20%
	65+	0.60%	0.60%	3.20%	3.20%	1.30%
	Overall	0.20%	0.20%	1.00%	1.00%	0.40%
<b>Symptomatic Case Hospitalization Rate by age.</b> Source: Preliminary COVID-19 estimates, CDC	0-49	1.30%	1.30%	2.60%	2.60%	1.70%
	50-64	3.60%	3.60%	5.70%	5.70%	4.50%
	65+	5.20%	5.20%	10%	10%	7.40%
	Overall	2.80%	2.80%	4.10%	4.10%	3.40%
<b>Percent of asymptomatic infections</b> Source: Preliminary COVID-19 estimates, ASPR and CDC	Overall	20%	50%	20%	50%	35%
<b>Infectiousness of asymptomatic individuals relative to symptomatic individuals</b> Source: Assumption, ASPR and CDC	Overall	50%	100%	50%	100%	100%

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/planning-scenarios.html#box>