



Beaumont Blitz Fastball Association

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Hello Everyone,

Well, it has been a challenge, but we are finally at the stage of the re-opening. With the approvals from AHS, Softball Alberta, Softball Canada, and the City of Beaumont, we can return to practice following strict protocols to maintain social distancing, and a limited number of spectators for the Health and Safety of our players.

Stage 1 of our Return to play: Outdoor practices only. Protocols for this stage include strict sanitizing, screening, & tracing protocols. **For the latest update from Softball Alberta on the specific details of these protocols, please visit <https://www.softballalberta.ca/home/return-to-play/>**

Barring any unforeseen difficulties **Stage 2 will begin July 6th**: This is where we would transition to game playing within our "cohorts". Below is a brief explanation of what a cohort is. You can find more details from Softball Alberta (see link at bottom of this page.)

Cohorts are currently defined as groups of 50 people (this number including coaches, players and possibly umpires). This will consist of 3-4 teams but must not exceed 50 people. These teams will only play each other – no exceptions.

Multisport kids will be asked to pick 1 sport and remain in their cohorts as to limit the contact to players.

If a child is to transition to another sport or cohort, they must self-isolate for 14 days before beginning their next sport.

Our Association is dedicated to getting our players on the field as soon as possible and make this a good, albeit short, summer season. This season will be different, but we feel it is necessary to give our girls the opportunity to play the sport they love and maintain their growth as athletes.

In order to make this all work, we will need dedication from parents more than ever this summer. The protocols involved are detailed and need to be followed strictly by Athletes, Coaches & Parents. We will need additional volunteers to complete all



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sanitizing, screening, & tracing protocols. If your child wishes to play, all parents will need to be ready to support the new processes. We will need all hands on deck!

Stage 3 of Return to Play would be opening tournaments and may include lessening of restrictions and protocols. This date is TBD.

What the season would look like:

- Our teams will begin practicing together and get back into playing shape.
- Teams will continue to practice together throughout the summer
- After July 6th, Games will be allowed following the “cohort principle”, (This will be done with approval from the Board and Softball Alberta.)
- Right now our intention is minimum one practice and one game per week. Teams may elect to have more than this but that will be up to the individual teams.
- Safety precautions will be in place regarding hygiene, sanitizing, disinfecting, and social distancing on and off the diamond and respecting maximum gathering numbers
- The duration of the season would be into August.
- Fees will be significantly reduced

We are committed to keep this program running, but as we are bound by the rules and guidelines of AHS, Softball Alberta, Softball Canada, and the City of Beaumont, our plan it is subject to change.

What we need from you **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**...

Please let us know if your child wishes to play asap by sending an email to registrar.bbfa@gmail.com. Please include your child's name and date of birth.

We also need to identify coaches, managers and team volunteers for screening and cleaning volunteers. **Could you please indicate in your email your ability to help in any of these areas.**

As time is of the essence, we need all of your responses by Monday, June 22 so we can see how many girls & coaches are interested.



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More information will come as soon as we know the numbers of interested players and thus are able to determine if this modified season is feasible.