

YORK SIMCOE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



2020 Baseball Season
June 19, 2020

2020 YSBA Competitive Season Cancelled

The York Simcoe Baseball Association (YSBA) remains committed to the safety of the baseball community. Based on the current status of reopening the Province, the YSBA Board at its meeting on June 18, 2020, voted to cancel the Rep, Elite and Select season for all our Local Member Associations effective immediately. This decision will be in effect up to and including Monday September 7th.

As such, this cancellation covers all YSBA sanctioned games, Provincial Qualifiers/Affiliates Playoffs, YSBA teams playing in outside loops (e.g. Junior and Senior Rep and Select), and all Tournaments scheduled within the YSBA. This decision was difficult, and was only taken after much deliberation, and following consultation and input from our member clubs.

Practice or training is a more controlled environment than the game environment. Practice can also accommodate fewer numbers of participants than games. Accordingly, a Return to Practice is permitted. Local Member Associations must however ensure adherence to Provincial and Municipal legislation and restrictions as it relates to the stages of reopening (1 or 2), gathering sizes and park and permit availability and usage.

Local Associations and their respective teams insured through Baseball Ontario must also use the Baseball Ontario "Return to Baseball" COVID-19 Guidelines and follow that framework to establish minimum standards and protocols within their own jurisdiction.

YSBA Member Organizations are strongly recommended to develop their own specific written policies and operating protocols and have them approved by their own board of directors. Such policies and protocols must be compliant with Baseball Ontario's guidelines together with municipal and provincial legislation and COVID-19 specific policies issued by government and local public health authorities.

We continue to support any YSBA Local Member Associations in their decision to cancel baseball programs for the 2020 season. We are aware that many YSBA Members have already cancelled some of their programs for this year and each Local Association will need to evaluate what is in their best interest for the remainder of 2020.

On behalf of the YSBA, we hope everyone respects our decision and that we take great pride to ensure the health and welfare of all our players, coaches, parents, umpires, fans and volunteers.

Sincerely,

Steve Koziel

YSBA President



Recommendations for Local Associations

With the competitive season canceled for 2020, we encourage all our Local Member Associations to take this opportunity to make the Summer of 2020 a development period for players and teams.

- Please refer to the Baseball Ontario “Return to Baseball” COVID-19 Guidelines and requirements (Waivers, Consent Forms, Declarations, etc.) that must be strictly adhered to prior practices commencing. Please visit Baseball Ontario ONDeck link: <http://ondeck.baseballontario.com>
- Key items that must be completed before a Return to Baseball can commence:
 - Adherence to Provincial and Municipal legislation and restrictions as it relates to the stages of reopening (1 or 2), gathering sizes and park and permit availability and usage.
 - Availability of park permits from your Municipality: No permits, no organized practices allowed!
 - YSBA Team Registration: All players must be registered with their Local Association in order to participate in practices. All rosters will need to be submitted to the YSBA Registrar and must be approved before any return to the field.
 - Baseball Ontario Requirements: Will require completion and submission of all COVID-19 Waivers, Consent Forms and Declarations and Rowan’s Law acknowledgements prior to commencing practices.
 - Insurance Application must be submitted to Baseball Ontario Office.

