

In the table below, 'completed' usually signifies that all participants etc have been informed of this rule/procedure.

Club/Team name: Oxford Softball Association		Event name/type: Training and league matches		Event date: 11/4-31/8/21	
Person completing Risk Assessment: Mark Norman (OSA Chair)		Event location: Horspath Athletics and Sports Ground, Oxford			
Risk Type: Fomite Transmission					
Risk Definition: The risks associated with the handling and transfer of equipment whilst playing of baseball/softball. Enhanced hygiene is the mitigating measure in reducing this risk.					
Definition of who is at risk: Participants including competitors, coaches, activity providers (organisers), officials, First Aid providers, event staff, umpires, volunteers and spectators.					
PRIOR TO ACTIVITY					
Risk area	Who is at risk	Control measure(s)	Responsible	Completed	
Self-assessment Health Check	All Participants	<p>Must conduct a health check and remain home if they, or someone they live with, has any of the following symptoms in line with Public Health England advice listed here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high temperature • A new, continuous cough • A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste <p>Medically high risk groups as defined by the NHS England, NHS Wales and NHS Scotland who have stopped shielding are encouraged to give serious consideration to their personal circumstances and respective Government guidelines before resuming activity.</p>	All Participants	☑	
Participant Registration	All Participants	Gather and retain Participant Registration information via an Opt-In, self-declaration form. Data to be kept for 21 days and shared with BaseballSoftballUK, affiliating organisation and the NHS for contact tracing purposes.	Activity Providers	☑	
Health & Safety Protocols	Activity Providers	Appoint a Covid-19 Officer to review, implement and promote the BaseballSoftballUK Baseball/Softball Return to Play Guidance on Hygiene, Equipment and Personal Responsibility protocols. The protocols must be tailored for specific events and venues, ensuring compliance. The Officer will receive guidance and updates from BaseballSoftballUK.	Activity Providers	☑	
	Competitors, First Aid Providers	<p><u>First Aid Response</u></p> <p>The nominated Covid-19 Officer will minimise the risk of transmission for self or official First Aider via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of additional equipment in First Aid kits: face mask, face shield, disposable gloves, disposable apron. • Social distancing where possible. • Consideration of respective Government guidance for First Responders: UK/England advice, Wales advice, Scotland advice. 	Activity Providers	☑	

HYGIENE				
Risk area	Who is at risk	Control measure(s)	Responsible	Completed
Preparation	Participants	Participants (Activity Providers, coaches, teams or individuals as needed) are required to bring to every event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser to disinfect hands. • Anti-bacterial wipes (dry wipes and antibacterial spray acceptable) to disinfect equipment. • Bin bags for safe disposal of all rubbish. 	Activity Provider	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arrival	Competitors	Must use hand sanitiser on arrival at venues.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Refreshments	Competitors	Should bring individual drinks containers and refrain from sharing drinks with other players.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Playing	Competitors	Should regularly sanitise hands.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Competitors, Coaches, Umpires, Spectators	Must follow a 'no touch rule', refraining from high fives, hand-shaking and all other physical contact with all Participants including teammates, opposing players, umpires, spectators, etc.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Competitors	Sweat towels are not permitted in indoor activity spaces /courts.	Competitors	n/a
EQUIPMENT				
Includes game and training balls, bats, helmets, gloves, mitts, batting gloves, bases, training aids, catcher & safety masks.				
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Warming up	Competitors	Competitors must use hand sanitiser prior to warming up with equipment.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Competitors, Umpires	All personal and team equipment used must be disinfected before and after warming up.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Playing	Competitors	Competitors must avoid sharing equipment and use their own helmet, glove, batting gloves, etc. Shared equipment such as bats should be disinfected between each use. The use of gumshields is permitted and hands should be regularly cleaned after handling.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Competitors	If a Competitor gets on base while batting, they should not pass their batting gloves to another Competitor or Coach.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Competitors	Bat handling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a player is out while batting, they are required to pick up their own bat (by the handle) upon leaving the field. • If a player gets on base while batting, the on-deck batter should remove the bat (by the barrel). 	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Competitors, Umpires	Ball handling (games only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each team must bring / be provided with two game balls for use during defensive innings. Ideally, they should be new and unopened. • Slowpitch softball only (outdoor): these should be two 11" and two 12" balls, with a nominated defensive team player (offensive if short) responsible for changing them over and sanitising them before returning into play. 	Activity Provider, Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	Competitors, Umpires	Games: each team must disinfect their balls between innings.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Umpires	Umpires should not share equipment including indicators, clickers or counters.	Umpires	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Competitors, Umpires	Balls used in tagged plays should be taken out of play and disinfected immediately by the defensive team.	Competitors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VENUES	Risk Assessments and Health & Safety Plans should be established with third party venues operators to understand, determine and promote social distancing and enhanced hygiene for playing fields, car parks, toilets, changing facilities and clubhouses. There are no known Venue Fomite Transmission Risks specific to Baseball/Softball.			
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Toilet facilities	Competitors, Umpires	The facilities are controlled by the sports club, which has its own Covid-related procedures. Persons should enter the toilet facilities one at a time. There are no changing facilities.	Competitors, Umpires	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>