



# Washington Youth Baseball Frequently Asked Questions 2020 Season

*The unique circumstances associated with our 2020 season mean we want to keep you informed. Here are answers to questions you may have as we approach the opening of our season:*

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **If I've already signed up my player(s) and we're ready to play, do I need to do anything to confirm our status with WYB?**  
No! If you're already registered to play and you wish to stay registered to play, no action is required. Your team manager will be in touch soon.
- **How much time will elapse between events to ensure overcrowding?**  
Between each game/practice window, there will be a 20-30 minute window for a field to empty out and appropriate cleaning before the next event can begin. This is our best effort to avoid an abundance of people in the same place.
- **Will I need to sign something in order to participate this year, like a waiver?**  
Each parent will need to sign a waiver that releases Washington Youth Baseball, the City of Washington, and South Strabane Township from any and all liability resulting from illness or injury associated with participation in any form with WYB this year.
- **If a player or coach tests positive, what is our plan?**  
Should this occur, that participant will not be permitted to participate in WYB activities again until being medically cleared, with written permission from a licensed physician. That participant's team will be subject to a ban on practices and games for at least a 2-week period pending the specific nature of the situation.
- **What will my player be allowed and not allowed to bring?**  
Allowed: Hand sanitizer. Each player is responsible to bring an individual or travel-size container of sanitizer with them in their bat bag, and use it frequently. WYB will also provide sanitizer at all concessions areas. Not allowed: Gum, sunflower seeds, candy, etc.
- **Are there additional guidelines for the Shetland age level?**  
It is strongly recommended that each parent/guardian stay with their child during all practices and games. With this age group being so young, our coaches will need as much help as possible keeping the players from being so close to each other. Absolutely no drop-off/pick-up permitted.
- **Will there be a Shetland Classic this year?**  
There will be no Shetland Classic this year to avoid large crowds. We apologize for the disappointment this may cause.
- **Will there be Sarris candy sales this year?**  
Yes. All candy commitments, as well as candy buyouts, are still in effect. Team managers will be in touch with parents as the season gets started with further details on how the candy program will work.
- **What about clearances in order to get a coaches' lanyard for the field?**  
All volunteers with valid clearances for the 2019 season will have their clearances remain valid for the 2020 season, due to the closure of many state and federal offices associated with the processing of clearances. This is a one-year rule only and all clearances will need to be current for the 2021 season, if not already.
- **Will there still be the DICK'S Discount Days this year?**  
Ultimately, this answer is up to our retail corporate sponsor, DICK'S Sporting Goods, but as of this time we do not anticipate this happening. If permitted to happen, we will inform all WYB families immediately.
- **What about All-Stars?**  
WYB will not sponsor All-Star teams in 2020.
- **Will there be Fall Ball in 2020 given the delayed status of Spring Ball?**  
Yes. We do anticipate, assuming the continued reopening of our society, a full and normal Fall Ball season occurring at the normal date range. This means the break between Spring Ball and Fall Ball will be shorter; however, our goal is to facilitate as many recreational baseball experiences as possible for the children we serve.

***WYB has formed a COVID-19 Task Force that will ensure everybody associated in our 2020 season is following the guidelines that we set forth in order to participate. We are committed to adhering to the re-opening guidelines that the Commonwealth and City have approved until a phaseout of guidelines is approved. WYB is very serious about enforcing these guidelines for everybody's protection.***

## ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

FOR PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS FORM.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Programs to be Released:** Washington Youth Baseball, Inc , The City of Washington, South Strabane Township

**Activities:** Baseball training/practices, scrimmage games, exhibition games, and/or related baseball activities

**Location of Activity/Program:** Various private and public baseball fields and indoor practice facilities located in Western Pennsylvania

**Dates of Activity/Program:** From: June 5, 2020 To: December 2020

1. **ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK.** The undersigned assumes all risks which are foreseeable and involved with or may arise out of his or her voluntary participation in baseball training/practices, scrimmage games, exhibition games, and/or related baseball activities, or his or her child's voluntary participation in baseball training/practices, scrimmage games, exhibition games, and/or related baseball activities, including, but not limited to, the negligent and or willful and wanton acts of others, the criminal and or intentional acts of others, the omission of an act of another, a defect or condition of the premises, a defect in the vehicles used for transport, or the unavailability of emergency care. The undersigned does not assume the risks of injuries caused by the gross negligence, or willful or wanton misconduct of any officials, officers, employees, or agents of Washington Youth Baseball, Inc., The City of Washington or South Strabane Township

2. **RELEASE.** The undersigned releases Washington Youth Baseball, Inc., The City of Washington, South Strabane Township and all of its officers, trustees, employees, volunteers and agents not to initiate litigation on account of or in connection with any claims, causes of action, injuries, illnesses, damages, and/or cost of expenses arising out of the activities involved in baseball training/practices, scrimmage games, exhibition games, and/or related baseball activities, including, but not limited to, sprains or torn ligaments, tendons, and muscles; broken bones; bruises; concussions; dislocations; cuts; allergic reactions; injuries due to physical contact with other participants, playing surfaces, and equipment; and other physical, mental, and emotional injuries including those claims, causes of action, injuries, illnesses, damages, and/or cost of expenses based on death, bodily injury, or property damage whether or not caused by the negligence or other fault of the parties being released.

3. COVID-19: I understand the hazards of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidelines regarding COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates. Notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19, which I readily acknowledge, I hereby willingly choose to participate/attend in the Activities identified above. I acknowledge and fully assume the risk of illness or death related to COVID-19 arising from my being in or about the Location of Activity/ Program and participating/attending in the Activities and hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE (on my behalf and any minor children for whom I have the capacity to contract) Washington Youth Baseball, Inc., The City of Washington, South Strabane Township; their owners, officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, and assigns from any liability related to COVID-19 which might occur as a result of my participation/attendance in the Activities.

4. WAIVER. The undersigned waives the protection afforded by any statute or law in any jurisdiction whose purpose, substance, cause and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing this release. This means, in part, that the undersigned is releasing unknown future claims.

5. INDEMNITY AND DEFEND. The undersigned agrees to indemnify and defend Washington Youth Baseball, Inc., The City of Washington, South Strabane Township and all of its officers, trustees, employees, volunteers and agents (hereinafter jointly referred to as “indemnitee”) against, and hold them harmless from, any and all claims, causes of action, damages to or destruction of any property of the indemnitee or any others, infection of COVID-19 or any other illness, injury or death that may result to the undersigned, the undersigned’s child, or anyone else.

6. MEDICAL CARE. I understand and agree that Washington Youth Baseball, Inc., The City of Washington and South Strabane Township may not be able to provide medical personnel at all times. I hereby give my consent to an officer, trustee, employee, volunteer and/or agent to provide me with medical assistance and/or treatment in the event of an emergency. I also agree to allow Washington Youth Baseball, Inc., The City of Washington and South Strabane Township to share any and all medical information about me with any party called to assist in my care. Finally, I agree to save and hold harmless and indemnify Washington Youth Baseball, Inc., The City of Washington and South Strabane Township from all liability, loss, cost, claim, lawsuit, or damage, whatsoever, including injury, death, or property damage, which may be imposed upon Washington Youth Baseball, Inc., The City of Washington or South Strabane Township because of any defect in or lack of such capacity to so act or caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole, or in part, by the negligence of the released parties.

7. JURISDICTION/VENUE/GOVERNING LAW: The protections provided by this Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release from Liability only enhance those protections already provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release from Liability shall be construed and enforced according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and any action to

enforce any provision contained herein shall be brought exclusively in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania.

8. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Agreement is prohibited, invalidated, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, that provision will, as to that jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of the prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of that provision in any other jurisdiction, unless it materially alters the nature or material terms of this Agreement.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THIS AGREEMENT AND REALIZES IT RELATES TO SURRENDERING AND RELEASING VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS AND DOES SO FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY. MOREOVER, THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS THAT HIS OR HER PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE IN THE ABOVE NOTED ACTIVITIES OR HIS OR HER CHILD'S PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE IN THE ABOVE NOTED PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY.

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME OF PLAYER IF SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_