

ACT COVID-19 LOCKDOWN



UPDATE

COVID LOCKDOWN COMPETITION IMPACTS – 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

Following the ACT Government announcement yesterday (14 September 2021), the ACT lockdown will now be in effect until **11.59pm on Friday, 15 October 2021**, with a mid-point review of the public health directions in two weeks. Although the restrictions allow for recreational and social sport (e.g. tennis, golf, rowing) to recommence with up to 5 people permitted to gather, this **DOES NOT include coaching, training or competition activity**. This means that Community Sport and all related training activities are not permitted during this time.

Given the extension of the lockdown, Baseball Canberra has made the inevitable but difficult decision to delay the start of the 2021-22 ACT Junior and Senior Baseball Competitions until January 2022. The ACT Government has advised that there will be a very gradual easing of gathering limits and other restrictions when lockdown is eventually lifted. Based on last year's experience (which saw gathering sizes of 30-50+ people resume 8-10 weeks from when the lockdown was lifted), Baseball Canberra has deemed it unfeasible to attempt to start the competition prior to the Christmas/New Year break in December.

Baseball Canberra will continue to seek advice from the ACT Government and will be working closely with all the Clubs to determine the format, structure, dates and costs of the revised competitions. These details will be communicated as soon as they are finalised. Baseball Canberra is committed to delivering a strong, enjoyable and successful Baseball season under these trying circumstances, so please bear with us as we work with your Clubs to make this happen! While all decisions will be made with a view to providing the greatest amount of certainty, it may be necessary to make further adjustments based on any future developments in the COVID outbreak. When registrations open, we encourage you to sign up with your respective clubs as soon as possible so that we can get a good idea of team numbers to help us develop the best draw that we can.

The health and safety of the community remains our highest priority. We encourage you to continue to follow the lockdown requirements of the ACT Government including staying at home, practicing good hygiene and continuing to use the Check in CBR App if you need to leave home. To stay up to date with ACT Government COVID-19 information visit: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/>

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. Please stay safe and healthy and feel free to contact Baseball Canberra or your Clubs for further information.

We look forward to getting back on the fields as soon as we can.

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