APRA Adult Sports Forum

# Team Goals

1. Present relevant information on coordinating adult sports programs and field reservations.
2. Provide the time and space to ask questions.
3. Create solutions and share resources with groupthink.

# Assignments

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| **Activity** | **Responsibility** | **Details** | **Due Date** |
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# Program Areas

## Adult Sports

* Previous
  + Softball
* New
  + Table Tennis (Chandler)

## Field Reservations

* Practices
* Games/Leagues
* Tournaments/Events

# Meeting Agendas

## June 18, 2020

Pops Birthday

Please keep your microphones on silent.

Use the raise hand function or chat box to ask questions or indicate that you want to chime in.

### Polls

* Are you going to return to pre-COVID adult sports leagues?
* Are you at pre-COVID staffing levels?
* Does your organization have a hiring freeze?
* Is revenue more important than ever in your organization?
* Is your organization preparing for future budget cuts?
* Did you have cost recovery expectations pre-COVID?
* Is your organization considering cost recovery now?
* If you have a league approved to return with a start date, please put the sport and start date in the chat box.
* If your fields are open to rentals, please put the date you started or expect to start in the chat box.

### Programs

Please add your comments to the chat or raise your hand to share if you are doing anything different.

* Waiver Language
  + City Attorney’s Office is reviewing waivers. Initial opinion is that our current language covers all liability and promotes the “use at own risk” philosophy.
  + Goodyear is adding COVID specific language to their waiver.
* Contracts/Permits
  + Peoria created an amendment to tournament contracts. We will have guidelines in conditions of use for practices.
* Staffing
  + Peoria uses part-time employees for site supervision and Spiker Sports for officials/umpires.
  + Goodyear is not aware of an umpire shortage. Previous staff is coming back and they are adding more to sanitize.
  + What are some other options to consider for staff/officials/umpires?
* Registration
  + Peoria still has participants asking when we will start leagues. We expect to offer less nights for certain sports.
  + Goodyear is nearly at full capacity admitting that it could be because other cities cancelled summer leagues.
* Field Rentals
  + Peoria is up 16% for practice rentals compared to three weeks of June 2019.
    - We are spacing out rental start times as much as possible to decrease the number of teams arriving and leaving at the same time.
    - We are limiting field use to practices and users must be in groups of ten or less.
    - Park staff and park rangers are monitoring group size.
    - We are educating groups and issuing warnings with possible termination of permit.

### Procedures

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* Physical distancing accommodations
  + Peoria will recommend that softball teams utilize dugouts and bleachers.
    - We will encourage teams to limit spectators, especially youth and high-risk population.
    - We have a-frames at entrances, restrooms and concession stands with guidelines.
  + Goodyear is requiring six feet in dugouts and bleachers with the expectation that players will need to use the bleachers in addition to the dugouts. Site supervisor will enforce.
* Facility cleaning
  + Peoria parks are not cleaning/sanitizing facilities any more than what we did pre-COVID which was servicing everything in the morning and attending to trash multiple times during each day.
    - We will clean/sanitize restrooms a second time, daily for tournaments.
    - Tournament promoters can work with a third party for additional cleaning.
  + Goodyear will have additional staff to sanitize benches in between games.
* Equipment sharing
  + Peoria is discouraging the sharing of non-sports equipment such as towels, water jugs, coolers, cups, etc.
  + Goodyear is discussing sanitizing the ball and bats.

### Resources

* Return-to-play guidelines
  + [USSSA](https://usssa.com/docs/2020/Covid19-ReturnToPlay.pdf)
  + [USA Softball](http://downloads.asasoftball.com/other/pdf/final_backtotheballpark05112020.pdf)
  + [Little League](https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/coronavirus-update/season-resumption-guide/best-practices/organizing-playing-watching-games/new-resources-and-updated-guidance/)
  + [Arizona Soccer Association](https://www.azsoccerassociation.org/arizona-soccer-association-return-to-play-guidelines-/)
* Waivers
  + [USSSA](https://www.usssa.com/docs/return_to_play_waiver.pdf)

### Questions

* How will relationships with schools change?
* What do we do if a participant/customer has a positive COVID test?
* Do we notify participants/customers if an employee has a positive COVID test?

## July 16, 2020

Please keep your microphones on silent.

Use the chat box to ask questions, provide feedback on a topic or indicate that you want to chime in by typing “comment.”

### Polls

* Who responded yes to starting leagues by October 1?
  + Please give us more detail
    - Goodyear - Started Sunday, July 12 with softball, men’s and coed, changes and restrictions, healthy verify certification
      * Not permitting spectators with some exception for coed participants with kids
      * Five people per dugout, rest of team on bleachers
      * Hired staff to sanitize
      * Temperature checks for staff only
      * A-frame signs for rules to help with compliance and possible ejection or suspension if repeating
      * Healthy Verify - third party that certifies changes to health recommendations, approximately two week turn around, face masks required if not playing, no face masks for umpires
* Everyone agrees that cleaning and sanitizing is going to change
* Almost everyone responded with minimal changes to rules
  + Who responded with significant change to rules?
    - No one commented
* Almost everyone responded with moderate changes to behavior expectations
  + Who responded with significant changes?
    - Goodyear reduced length of softball game
* Most people responded with minimal or significant changes to program min/max
  + Who responded with moderate?
    - No one commented
* Are your fields open for rent?
  + Results – 53% yes
* Have you or are you going to do customer surveys?
  + Results – 59% yes

### Programs

* Waiver Language
  + City Attorney’s Office approved our pre-Covid waivers
* Contracts/Permits
  + Updated rental permits with language for small groups, social distancing and masks
* Staffing
  + We redeployed full-time staff which could be a permanent solution for some roles previously held by part-time staff
  + Working on game plans for a reduction in pre-Covid part-time staff levels
* Registration
  + Have not heard from previous participants since June
  + Pre-Covid our fall registration would be opening soon
  + Department leadership is leaning toward opening registration in August, if at all
* Field Rentals
  + Practice rentals are way up compared to July 1-15, 2019.
    - Number of contracts issued is up 212% (53-17)
    - Number of bookings is up 282% (107-28)
    - Number of field hours is up 357% (411-90)
    - Practices can have more than ten people in attendance but must be in groups less than ten and spread out
    - We added language to the permit about groups of less than ten, social distancing and wearing masks
    - We ordered A-frame signs to put at entrances to fields at larger parks
  + Do not have a time frame for opening fields to games and/or groups larger than ten
  + Department leadership leaning toward not having a tournament until September, at earliest
  + Tournaments
    - Fountain Hills – promoters good about following guidelines, hard to confirm if participants read guidelines, struggle to enforce social distancing, language in contract puts deposit at risk

### Procedures

* Temperature checks
  + We have not discussed temperature check for participants/customers
    - City leadership was a firm NO last time I asked
* Assessing risk
  + We are leaning towards offering outdoor sports first to use that as a test before offering indoor sports
  + We are staying away from sports like football and basketball that have the highest risk and most contact
  + Our assessment is that sand volleyball and softball have the least risk and best set up to manage when it comes to large group leagues (not including individual or partner sports)
  + Any other ideas?

### Resources

* What do you need examples of or what can you contribute?
* Return-to-play guidelines
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  + [Pop Warner](https://bsbproduction.s3.amazonaws.com/portals/21799/docs/forms/2020%20forms/return%20to%20play%20guidelines%20-%20football%206.16.20.pdf)
  + [Play Sports Coalition](https://playsportscoalition.org/returntoplay/)
* Waivers
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### Questions

* How will relationships with schools change?
  + PUSD very non committal on gym access but fields are good to go
  + Policy undetermined on group size and access
* What do we do if a participant/customer has a positive COVID test?
  + Goodyear – talk to team manager, notify teams played against
* Do we notify participants/customers if an employee has a positive COVID test?