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| **SOFTBALL ALBERTA**  FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS |  |

**Cohorts**

* For both indoor & outdoor sports activities where participants are unable to always maintain two metres of distance, a sports cohort (or mini-league) should be formed. The mini league cannot exceed 50 individuals.
* A cohort is defined as a closed group of no more than 50 individuals who participate in the same sport or activity.
* Members of a cohort do not need to maintain two metres of distance between them: however, where possible, maintaining distance is still recommended.
* Members of a cohort commit to having only close contact with each other.
* Limiting close contact to those in a cohort decreases opportunities for being exposed to the virus. If someone within the cohort gets COVID-19, the number of people the virus can potentially spread to is lower. It is also easier to trace that person’s close contacts when cohort members are known.
* Cohorting teams should not travel outside of their municipality/region in Stage 2 of relaunch.
* Changing cohorts does not require quarantine or isolation  - rather, the individual can’t join another cohort for 14 days since their last involvement with their previous cohort.
* “Outside” your municipality is considered over 1 hour driving time.

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| Q | **Who needs to register their ‘cohort’?** |
| A | *Any team / association, wanting to create a cohort group with other teams / associations must register their cohort. Activities are restricted to local community opportunities. Unnecessary travel is discouraged.*  *(Please work amongst your Cohort 50 group to submit one registration)* |

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| Q | **I planned to play on a team in 2020 that would have required me to apply for a Player Transfer. Can I continue to be a cohort for that team or do I still need a transfer?** |
| A | *You may play/practice/cohort with the team you planned to play with without a player transfer for Phase 1 and 2 of the RTP Protocol.* |

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| Q | **I would like to take part in Phase 1 & 2 as per Softball Alberta’s RTP Protocol but the team I planned on playing for / my Local Association is not providing any development opportunities. Can I join another Team / Association?** |
| A | *If the Team / Association is within your Municipality then yes. Registration in a Cohort group outside your municipality may be subject to review. This is good for the 2020 year only* |

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| Q | **Can players carpool / drive together?** |
| A | *Minors - If players & their families are already part of a ‘social’ cohort with another family then they can arrange travel together.*  *Adults - If players are already part of a ‘social’ cohort then they can arrange travel together.*  *(Strongly discourage more than 2 players / families in one vehicle.)*  *See the Government of Alberta guidance on carpooling here:* [*https://www.alberta.ca/prevent-the-spread.aspx#toc-2*](https://www.alberta.ca/prevent-the-spread.aspx#toc-2) |

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