

Softball COVID-19 Plan
Effective Tuesday, September 8, 2020

The Recreation and Parks Department reserves the right to alter, modify, cancel, and/or postpone any programming and operations at any time for the public, health, and safety of players and participants.

I. Dugouts

- Sanitation stations are located in each dugout.
- COVID Awareness signs posted.
- Benches will have X's marked 6 ft. apart.
- **If 6 ft. cannot be maintained; masks are required.**
- Players should limit touching of fencing, benches, and gates.
- **No more than 5 players are allowed in the dugout at a time, for no longer than 15 minutes.**

II. Bats/Balls/Miscellaneous Equipment

- At the end of the day, division volunteers should sanitize balls in Recreation, Neighborhood, and Travel Leagues. While sanitation equipment will be provided, individuals are encouraged to bring their own.
- Operations – Bats and balls will be available at towers. Sanitation equipment will be provided and COVID awareness signs posted.

III. Sanitation Stations Locations/Usage

- Located at every dugout, the bottom and top of the tower for scorekeepers, disinfectant for balls/bats in the tower.
- All dugouts will have hand sanitizer stands. Towers will have hand sanitizer and sanitation wipes downstairs and upstairs available.
- Importance of Usage – COVID awareness signs posted in dugouts, spectator areas, and in/on towers.

IV. Score booth Availability/Needs

- Safety/Spatial Requirements – COVID awareness signs posted, sanitation equipment located at the bottom and top of every tower, dividers between scoring stations.
- Gloves required.
- Operations/Microphones/Scoreboxes – score boxes and microphones available. COVID awareness signs are posted, including that **all items must be sanitized before and after each use.** Each division will designate 1 “runner” to assist scorekeepers in towers in an effort to limit touch opportunities and the number of people in the towers. The “runner” will have to sanitize every time they enter and leave a tower.
- Limiting the number of people – 1 person per field per scoreboard.
- **If 6 ft. cannot be maintained, masks are required.**
- The score booth area and equipment must be cleaned before and after each game by players, volunteers, and staff.

V. Spectator Areas

- Bleachers/Social Distancing – Bleachers will have X's marked 6 ft. apart. COVID awareness signs are posted.
- **If 6 ft. cannot be maintained, masks are required.**

VI. Water-Water fountains and coolers will not be available. Players and spectators should supply their own beverage.

The Recreation and Parks Department will suspend the use of areas if we identify misuse or repeated violations of our COVID-19 best practices.