



STAY SAFE AT BYB

2020 COVID-19 Guidelines



Spectators in the Park

It is strongly recommended that the only spectators in the park are immediate family (parent/guardian and siblings) of active players on team. If you identify as high-risk according to the CDC or are immunocompromised, BYB advises you do not attend games. All spectators are encouraged to wear masks per CDC recommendations.

All spectators from different households will need to remain six feet apart per social distancing guidelines. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult, and must stay with that adult the entire time while in the park. No children should be playing on fences, open areas, roadways, or open fields. Children from different households must keep social distance from one another.

The bleacher areas will be marked with X's where spectators may sit. The spaces will be very limited, so spectators should bring their own seating. Please use social distancing and only occupy every other row where X's are in place for seating. Otherwise, space out along fence lines for viewing purposes. Fence lines will be marked with painted lines identifying six feet of space.

Restroom Facilities

Due to construction of a new restroom facility starting in June, the only restroom facilities available will be port-o-pots. Each station will be equipped with sanitizer and cleaned on a routine schedule by the company providing them.

Concessions

Concessions may not be available other than vending per CDC guidelines. If that is the case, spectators are welcome to bring in outside food and beverage, but please be mindful and throw trash away in garbage cans.

Players and Dugouts

Dugouts will be utilized only on a limited basis of 3 players per dugout. These players are either defensive players not in the game or on-deck or in-the-hole batters. Players should keep their equipment/belongings with their parent/guardian in the stands, and sit with the parent/guardian at any time when the dugout is at capacity.

Equipment

Under no circumstances should any helmets or hats be shared by players. Bats, gloves, shin protectors, and chest protectors may be used after they are sanitized by an adult. For this season, any player in the catcher's position will need to provide his/her own catcher's helmet due to health concerns.

Game Balls

Umpires will issue each team a set of game balls to use on defense at the beginning of the game. These balls will be new in the wrapper or used and sanitized. Game balls will be handled by coaches once the umpires issue them, and only that team should use those game balls. No mixing of game balls permitted. At the end of the game, coaches should sanitize the used game balls and return the game balls they were issued to the umpires.

Celebrations

Although sportsmanship is important, games will not end with the customary handshake line. Instead, both teams will line up a minimum of 10 feet apart and participate in a simultaneous "cap tip" to replace the handshakes. No post game team meetings, snacks, handshakes, high fives, hugs, etc. should occur. All players should stay in the stands or on the field at their positions during the games. For example, a home run should not be met with a celebration at home plate. A base hit should not involve a fist bump from the coach, etc.

Symptoms

The CDC recognizes certain symptoms as potential signs of COVID-19. If a person demonstrates any of these symptoms, some of them, or all of them, that person should stay home in isolation until being 100% symptom free for 72 hours. Those symptoms are a consistent, dry cough; shortness of breath or respiratory issues; or a fever of 101 or higher. If you have knowingly been exposed to COVID-19, please follow guidelines and self-quarantine for 14 days.

Batting Cages and Common Areas

These areas may be utilized following social distancing guidelines set in place by the CDC. Keep groups to 10 or less, avoid close contact, and do not share items.

Umpires

As part of the social distance modification, one umpire per game will be assigned and work from six feet behind the pitcher's mound to call balls and strikes. In some leagues, this umpire will make all calls on the bases. In others, two umpires will work in the field.

Any coach who enters the playing area to argue, discuss, or question an umpire's call will be ejected immediately and suspended per league rules. This is unsportsmanlike, and will violate social distancing.

Pitcher's Mound Visits

There will be no mound visits allowed. Coaches making a pitching change can do so by verbalizing the changes from the sidelines. If a meeting is needed, a coach should call the pitcher to the foul line and meet him/her there, keeping six feet of distance.

Food/Drink For Players

Group or shared water/drink coolers or bottles are prohibited. All players should bring their own bottled products as needed. Sunflower seeds are banned at the facility until further notice.

Entry/Exit of Complex

Teams should not enter the complex prior to the previous game ending. All pre-game warm ups at Ross-Fish Complex are to be done in the parking lot and in isolation of other teams. Upon finishing a game, no meetings will occur; teams should immediately exit the complex so the next game can begin.

In the Event of Exposure or Positive COVID-19 Test

The following steps will be taken in the event of a self-reported exposure or a positive COVID-19 test:

- a. Person(s) exposed will self-quarantine for 14 days, or get tested and quarantine until results are received.
- b. If positive test, self-quarantine for 14 days. Person(s) must be symptom free for 72 hours before returning AFTER the 14 day self-quarantine.
- c. If self-quarantines cause a team to be short on players (less than 7), that game will simply be canceled, with no win or loss issued to either team.