

The following rules and procedures are subject to revision, addition and/or deletion contingent on all guidelines and regulations issued by any level of government or public health office at any point in time during our season.

Pre and Post Game Rules and Procedures

- All players will be required to electronically sign a waiver acknowledging and accepting the covid-19 rules and procedures and also acknowledging associated risks in participating in our league.
- **Players must not play or even attend the park if they are sick or exhibiting covid-19 symptoms of any kind, or if they are under quarantine, or if they test positive or if they are awaiting test results as a probable case.**
- If a game is already in progress - whether it's our league or another league, all players must stay away from the dugout and backstop areas until all participants from the preceding game completely clear the dugout and backstop areas.
- Home team must stay down the left field side of the park, beyond 3rd base, until players completely clear the area after the preceding game.
- Visiting team must stay on the right field side of the fence, beyond 1st base, until players completely clear the area after the preceding game.
- There will be no infield warmup or batting practice allowed.
- Only 1 person can touch the equipment boxes before and after each game.
- Only 1 person can touch the bases and board for each set of games. Both should be sanitized before and after use. For each double header the home team will set up their bases; teams will not be permitted to swap bases between early and late double headers this year.
- All players must leave the ball diamond immediately after each game. There will be a larger time gap between games so there should be no reason for anyone playing the afternoon games to be at the park before the morning teams have left.

Game Rules and Procedures

- Games will still be allowed to go run a full 9 innings but the times will be decreased to no new inning may start after 90 minutes with a max game time of 100 minutes. This will allow for additional time between the morning and afternoon games in order to minimize contact between the groups. The game schedule will be set out as follows:
AM 09:00 – 10:40 no new inning may start after 10:30
11:00 – 12:40 no new inning may start after 12:30
PM 01:20 – 03:00 no new inning may start after 02:50
03:20 – 05:00 no new inning may start after 04:50
- Only 2 players can sit on the bench during the game. They must be situated at least 9 feet away from the main dugout entrance and at least 9 feet away from each other. They must sanitize their seating area immediately after the game and ensure that no items are left behind. The 2 "bench" players must be designated before the game and they cannot share/switch places with anyone else. They must keep the same seating location the entire game. Please do not change your equipment/sitting position once the game begins.
- Base coaches must stay at least 9 feet away from the bases and they cannot lean on or touch the fence.
- On deck hitter must stay at least 9 feet away from the dugout opening to allow pinch runners/substituted runners to enter/leave the field of play safely.
- All other players must stay outside the dugout area and away from the bleacher area while maintaining at least 9 feet of distancing between them. Only league officials (including official scorekeeper) can use the backstop bleachers.
- Players cannot share bats during the game.
- Hitters must retrieve their own bat after each at bat. If they reach base, then the bat gets kicked to the right hand side of the backstop until they return. The bat(s) will be considered in play and part of the backstop until they are picked up.
- Pitchers are encouraged to bring a towel out to the mound with them. They can also request a new/cleaner ball when needed.
- At least 6 balls (3 per team) will be sanitized before each game and maintained throughout the game. Balls shall be cleaned between innings or even during a longer inning.
- Players cannot share gloves or any other equipment during the games.

- Only 1 scorekeeper per team can handle the score book. Alternately 1 person can score for both teams and email a copy to the coach afterwards.
- There will be no high fives, handshakes, etc. before, during or after the game.
- Defensive players must immediately move away after applying a tag to a runner. No "holding the tag in place to show the ump".
- Defensive players must set up at least 9 feet away from a base runner.
- Catcher must set up at least 9 feet back from the hitter. A mask is recommended but not mandatory. The catcher can wear a protective fitted glove on their throwing hand. All defensive players including the pitcher can wear a protective fitted glove on their hand if they choose to do so.
- Umpire must set up at least 9 feet away from the hitter and catcher.
- Sunflower seeds will not be allowed anywhere on the ball diamond, dugout or in spectator areas. No exceptions.
- Players must do their best to avoid spitting anywhere on the ball diamond.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or into your elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Wash or sanitize your hands often.
- Players injured on the field cannot be helped by other players unless absolutely necessary. Do not breach the 9 foot distancing requirement unless absolutely necessary.
- Any player blatantly or deliberately refusing to follow the rules listed above, or physical distancing guidelines, may be ejected from the game and may face further sanction. This extends to all pre and post game regulations/processes as well. If a player persists or blatantly breaks a rule, they will be suspended or banned and no refund will be provided