



POST COVID-19 2021 Slow Pitch Return to Play
Recommended Best Practices for the Field-of-Play:

General

There is an expectation that any individual experiencing symptoms should take the initiative and stay home.

- Players will be expected to maintain social distancing before and after the game and during the game when possible
- No smoking, sunflower seeds or spitting.

Dugout Rules

- All teams are directed to clean their dugouts and team bench areas on arrival and departure.
- It is recommended that this be done before and after the game. Please be considerate to the next team.

Capacity of Players on bench / dugout

- Will need to be consistent with government guidelines relating to number of individuals allowed to gather in a given area.

Post-Game Bench/Dugout Cleaning

- During the game, players entering and exiting the playing field should do so in an orderly fashion that allows a 6- foot distance to be maintained between players as much as possible.
- Any player not required to be on the field should not enter the playing surface (e.g. homerun celebrations).

Game Recommendation

- Players and coaches are instructed not to share equipment.

Bats

- Recommend the reduction of bat sharing if possible.
- When picking up a bat from the ground try to use the barrel.

Player's Equipment

- No gloves are to be left lying/sitting on the fence
- No bringing out gloves to a team mate, touch only your own equipment.
- Players should be reminded to reduce the amount of shared equipment and attempt to keep each individuals equipment isolated and reduce coming into contact with the equipment of other players.

Protective Face Masks/Helmets

- Protective face masks or helmets should be sanitized if shared.

Catcher and Umpire

- Will need to maintain 6-foot distance, when possible

On-Deck Batter

- The on-deck batter must be considerate of the 6 foot rule.

First and Third Base Coaches

- If the coaches are on the playing field they should remain a minimum of 6-feet away from the base they are coaching to prevent contact with the defensive player.

Injured Player

- If medical personnel are on hand, injured players should be dealt with primarily by these individuals, unless further assistance is requested.
- The number of individuals attending to an injured player should be limited to the number necessary based on the severity of the injury. Sufficient first-aid kits should be provided that include latex gloves and facemasks to help increase the safety of their interaction with the injured player.

Spectator Rules

- Spectators are required to maintain 6 feet physical distance.

Restaurant/Bar/Concession/Playground Area

- Guidelines for these areas should be consistent with local guidelines/regulations.

