

Tri-Boro Softball COVID-19 Return To Play Safely Plan

The following lays out our COVID -19 plan to be able to play games in a safe manner. Our first priority is safety of all of our players, coaches, volunteers, and our families.

Anyone, (including but not limited to players, coaches, parents, spectators, umpires, etc.) should stay home if they are feeling sick or have a temperature of 100.4° F or higher.

Please remember that the CDC and PA Department of Health maintain recommendations of physically distancing, and wearing face coverings go far to help slow the spread of COVID-19

Should anyone be diagnosed with COVID-19:

- Call your doctor for guidance on contact tracing.
- If you have been in our facility within 48 hours of your onset of symptoms or diagnosis please contact Michael Marianna, of TBSA at 724-351-1651 with the date and time you were most recently at our facility.
- You should refrain from being at any of our facilities or games for 14 days from the date of diagnosis
- All family members living with you should self-quarantine, contact their doctor for guidance, and refrain from being at our facilities until they are medically cleared.
- TBSA will contact any and all potentially exposed parties, will follow all PA state guidelines, HIPPA guidelines, and keep identity of all infected individuals anonymous.

Spectators:

- Each playing field (Diamond) is not to exceed more than 90 people including umpires, players, coaches, spectators, and other support staff.
- TBSA strongly recommends that all spectators please practice physical distancing from other families while at the fields. Families may sit together in their own groups. We remind you that all of our parks have plenty of space to properly distance.
- No spectators are allowed within 6 feet of dugouts or player distancing areas, located directly behind the dugouts, during practices or games. If you need to give an item to your child, please have your child come to your sitting area or vehicle during a down time in the game or practice.
- Family is welcome to attend the games but should never be in the dugout or field area.
- Please remember that the PA Department of Health recommends that face coverings be worn at all gatherings in public areas, as it helps to slow the spread of COVID-19. PHGSA will adhere to all ADA restrictions from wearing a face covering.
- When the game is completed please leave the facility in a quick and timely manner especially if a game is scheduled on the field after your event. Please remain physically distant while exiting the facility.
- If your event follows an earlier event at one of our fields. Please wait for the crowd to disperse from the first event before finding your spot along the baselines or outfield.
- If neighboring field is vacant it is off limits to all spectators for any reason.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own sanitizing wipes for restroom/personal cleanliness.

Players:

- Each player should always have a face covering with them. Face coverings are optional while actively in a game and should be worn while in the dugout during down time. Face coverings are optional during game play.
- In order to keep these gatherings below 90 people, we are requesting that teams limit their dugouts to 15 members per game, this number should include players, coaches, and scorekeepers.
- During games, the batting team must distance from one another. State guidelines state that half of the players and coaches can remain in the main dugout, and the other half must be in the area behind the dugout and distance as much as possible. While on defense, any players not playing in the field must keep themselves distant from each other in the dugout.
- There is to be absolutely no sharing of equipment or drink bottles. All equipment and bottles must remain in bags when not in use. Drink bottles should have the player names or initials on them to protect against sharing.
- There is to be no spitting, eating sunflower seeds, chewing gum, peanuts or eating food of any kind in the dugout. Food may be permitted to be eaten when it is medically necessary.
- There should be no tobacco use of any kind in the dugouts or on the field. Chewing tobacco, or cigarette butts should never be thrown on the ground.
- There is to be no high fives, hand shaking, fist bumps, touching, huddling, team breakdowns at any time! There are no exceptions to this rule. Teams may line up on each foul line and wish each other a good game from a distance.
- Do not approach the field until the dugout is ready, and the previous event has cleared from the field.
- Players must maintain physical distancing at all times, except for when the ball is in play.

Managers:

- When off the field, physical distancing must be maintained at all times.
- In game, on field conferencing with no more than two players is permitted, so long as physical distancing is observed. Face coverings should be worn by coaches for all conferences.
- Managers must enforce all physical distancing rules in dugout and overflow distancing area.
- Managers should remind all spectators and parents to remain at least 6 feet from the dugout.
- All balls must be sanitized after use in each practice and game.

Noncompliance:

- Noncompliance with the COVID-19 Safety Guidelines and Operating Procedures may result in a player/manager's suspension or termination from Tri-Boro Softball Association.
- Multiple violations from a single team will result in that team being disqualified for the remainder of the season without refund.
- Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please remember to keep physically distancing as much as possible!

Tri-Boro Softball Association COVID-19 Return To Play Safely Plan – Statement of Understanding

I understand the Tri-Boro Softball Association COVID-19 Return to play safety plan, and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines. I understand that this is a fluid situation and that these rules and guidelines may change, without notice, at any time. TBSA will make every attempt to alert parents of updates to this policy, should it need to be updated.

DISCLAIMER: Participants, managers, family, and spectators engaging in softball and activities related to softball do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.

NOTE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS OF PARTICIPANTS: TBSA does not dictate when local state and metro associations can start and stop playing softball during the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting and stopping play will be determined by local associations working with their local governmental agencies.

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