



## **RULES FOR ADULT & YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PRACTICES (Starting June 1)**

***Violation of these rules may mean a team is prohibited  
from practicing or playing games for the entire summer.***

1. Players, coaches, and staff showing signs/symptoms of COVID-19 (fever over 100.4F, sudden onset of cough or sudden onset of shortness of breath) shall not participate.
2. Dugout/bench use will not be allowed. Players and their items when not on the field should be lined up against the fence/wall at least six (6) feet apart.
3. Parents must remain in their cars or drop off and pick players up afterwards.
4. Players should use their own protective equipment including gloves, helmets, and bats as much as possible.
  - A. When protective equipment is needed to be shared, it should be disinfected between players use.
  - B. Coaches are encouraged to rotate equipment when possible.
  - C. Coaches must disinfect shared equipment before and after each practice (or game).
5. Coaches are responsible for ensuring social/physical distancing is maintained between players as much as possible. This means additional spacing between players while playing catch, during drills, or while waiting to participate
6. Players must bring their own water/beverage and snacks to consume; no shared drinking fountains, coolers or snacks; the use of sunflower seeds, tobacco products, and spitting while practicing or playing is prohibited.

## **RULES FOR ADULT & YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL GAMES (Starting June 18)**

7. **Same guidelines apply as for practices.**
8. Use of dugouts/benches are permitted during games only.
  - A. The bleachers located between the dugout and home plate also should be used to spread out players. Players should have designated spots to place their personal items.
  - B. Coaches must designate an adult who is responsible for ensuring players are seated on the benches unless they are actively participating in the game.
9. Teams to play next must be provided designated areas for player warm-ups that provide for necessary physical/social distancing.
10. Post-game handshakes or interaction between teams are prohibited.
11. When games end, the leaving team must sanitize the dugout or bench area. No post-game talks at the field are permitted. Fans and players must leave the playing area and return to their cars immediately after the game.
12. The team to play next must remain in their designated warm up area until the prior team has finished disinfecting and is completely out of the dugout or off the field.
13. **RULES FOR FANS.**
  - A. Fans for upcoming games must remain in their cars during player warm-ups. They will be permitted to come to the field once the team they are there to watch enters the playing area.
  - B. Fan attendance is limited to household members of the players on the team. For outdoor games, no use of bleachers for fans. Fans must bring their own chairs or stand. Fans should keep six (6) feet of social distancing between different household units. No fan seating or standing is allowed within six (6) feet of the teams' benches.
  - C. Games/matches held at a facility that has a capacity of 500 or more individuals (1,000 or more in counties over 500,000 population), shall follow reopening plans submitted, reviewed and approved by the Local Health Department by the facility.