



2020 Health and Safety Guidelines

Spectators, Players, Teams and Games

To ensure the health and safety of AHLL participants and visitors, please adhere to the following guidelines. AHLL Board of Governors reserves the right to dismiss any park guest who is non-compliant.

All players and park visitors should self-screen. Please DO NOT visit the park if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 F
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19

AHLL president MUST be notified immediately if a player, coach or spectator tests positive for COVID-19.

"Each sporting team is considered a cohort. Outside of the sporting event, discourage mixing between cohorts." – Gov. Abbott Open Texas Health Protocols for Youth Sports

Spectators

Games shall be limited to players' family members.

Only ONE parent per child may watch practice. (Parents not required to attend.)

Spectators may enter the park no earlier than 15 minutes before game time.

Spectators should observe social distancing with those who are not household members:

- Sit 6 ft. apart in bleachers.
- May watch games from behind the outfield fence.
- Do not gather in groups of more than 10 when social distancing cannot be observed.
- Masks should be worn when social distancing is not possible.

Spectators should offer the umpire grace, given his new placement calling pitches.

No loitering. Players and fans should leave the park no more than 15 minutes after games' end.

Players

Players should ONLY use their own water bottles, marked clearly with the player's name.

Players should not bring snacks of any kind.

Players should sanitize all equipment before and after games, as well as practices.

Players must be picked up from practice on time.

Players should only use their own gear. Unused gear should remain in the player's bag at all times.

Teams

Please, no team snacks, gum, drinks or coolers of any kind.

Teams must wait to enter fields for practices or games until the other teams have exited.

Teams should clean out ALL trash before exiting the dugout.

ONLY designated coaches may help with practices. Parents who attend practices may only observe.

Coaches must sanitize shared gear between uses.

Coaches should ensure players' gear is adequately spaced in the dugout, no piling.

Sharing gear is not permitted. Unused gear should be stored in player's bag.

Fields are CLOSED outside of the set practice schedule. NO EXCEPTIONS.

ALL Batting cages will remain closed.

Game Protocols

Warm-ups may only take place on the field before game start, once the previous team clears the field.

Warm-Up balls should be kept separate from game balls.

The game ball should be replaced at the top of every inning.

While use of the scoreboard is allowed, there will be no use of the microphone.

Coaches should mind social distancing practices during coaches' meeting at the plate.

Mound meetings should be limited to coach, pitcher and/or catcher.

Coaches should stand outside the dugout when team is at bat.

Coaches should monitor players in the dugout and insure each has a designated spot, marked by his/her bag.

The umpire will stand behind the pitcher.

Coaches should offer the umpire grace, given new placement calling pitches.

Umpires should limit contact with balls. (Passed balls should be retrieved by the catcher.)

Post-game, players should stand outside the dugout and tip hats rather than shake hands mid-field.

Games will have a hard time limit to allow for cleaning and sanitizing between games.

Coaches should keep post-game talks short so as to expedite clearing the park between games.