

SoftballNation Team and Spectator
Social Distancing and Participation Guidelines

Teams / Players: These are the current guidelines for getting back to play. This document may change and will be issued to each coach before each event.

TO ANY AND ALL WHO ARE READING THIS. IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE IN ANY WAY REGARDING THIS EVENT OR RETURNING TO PLAY, PLEASE DO NOT PARTICIPATE. AS A PLAYER (YOUTH OR ADULT), YOU SHOULD NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE JUST BECAUSE YOUR TEAM MAY BE SIGNED UP. AS A PARENT, YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO HAVE YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE AND SHOULD NOT FEEL PRESSURED IN ANY WAY. FOR THE NEAR FUTURE, WE ARE URGING ALL TEAMS TO KEEP SPECTATORS AT A MINIMUM AND FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S RETURN TO SPORTS GUIDELINES AS WELL AS THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE GENERAL SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.

Prior to arriving:

All participants and spectators should take measures to keep themselves safe. Before you leave home, take your own temperature. If you have a fever or do not feel well, stay home.

Each player should bring your own water, refreshments, hand sanitizer, face covering.

Practice Social Distancing: Whenever possible, everyone should practice safe social distancing.

Practice Healthy Hygiene: Wash Your Hands Often.

While moving in and out of the team area before and after games, give the exiting team a chance to completely exit the field before attempting to enter the team area. Allow staff to undertake between game sanitizing efforts.

During The Game:

Avoid Personal Physical Contact: Whenever possible, avoid physical contact...i.e. reduce or eliminate high fiving, handshaking, fist bumping, etc.

Please do not share equipment. If equipment (such as catcher's gear) is shared, a coach must properly disinfect equipment prior to the next participant's use.

Home plate meetings will be limited to the umpire and one (1) coach from each team; all must practice social distancing.

Participants (including umpires) inside the field of play are not required to wear a face covering, but may be worn as desired.

Spread Out in the Dugout: When your team is in the dugout, please use the extended dugout area for

equipment and players whenever possible. Everyone is not required to remain in the dugout. We encourage only the batters that are due up in the line-up to be in the dugout preparing. Everyone else should use the extended dugout area to keep players spread out.

When Your Team Is Not Participating: When warming up, use the designated warm up areas and maintain your social distance from teammates and other teams that may be warming up nearby.

Post-Game: In lieu of handshaking lines, each team is encouraged to congratulate the other team and show sportsmanship in their own way while maintaining their social distancing.

Please avoid gathering in the parking lots when not participating or warming up.

Spectators:

Teams are encouraged to limit non-essential spectators to the fewest number possible.

Bring Your Own Seating. Bleachers will be off limits.

Concessions will be limited to drinks and pre-packaged food for now. You are encouraged to bring your own refreshments. Cashless payments only will be accepted.

Anyone that may be considered medically at risk and with any underlying medical conditions should stay home.

Spectators that feel sick or have a fever should stay home. Check your temperature before you leave home.

Practice social distancing.

We recommend you wear a mask at all times, but especially when you are in congested areas: like the restrooms or near or around the concession area.

Spectators should spread out and maintain social distancing from other spectators and players.

Stay off the bleachers.

Spectators should stay out of the extended team areas/dugouts.