

WHAT TO EXPECT AT NAFA NORTHERN NATIONALS

Included within this document are guidelines that have been compiled from the leadership team of NAFA Softball, NAFA tournament directors across multiple states, umpire organizations across multiple states, and the review of the CDC.gov guidelines put forth as well as recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health.

12U EAGAN

- NAFA, in accordance with the City of Eagan, will be using eight of 15 fields to adhere to social distance guidelines and limiting crowd sizes to less than 250 people. Northview East will consist of fields 2, 4 and 5. Northview West will consist of fields 6 and 8. Lexington-Diffley Fields will consist of fields 2, 4 and 6. Entrance and exit signs **(the City said they would produce and laminate)** will be prominently displayed in areas inside Northview East and Lexington-Diffley to help the flow of people coming and going in the park.
- The City of Eagan has committed to cleaning all shelter bathrooms three times a day -- a schedule on par with all city park restrooms. **Eagan Fastpitch will be responsible for monitoring the cleanliness of portable restrooms.**
- **NAFA will provide Eagan Fastpitch with cleaning supplies to wipe down all bench areas between each game (Stewart Parker is working on a sprayer and solution for the three complexes).** No team may enter the dugout until the cleaning has been completed. Teams and players are asked to supply their own hand sanitizer.
- There will be no spectator seating allowed between the two team benches, behind home plate. All fans must sit beyond the bases down the left and right-field lines. Please advise families to bring canopies and chairs. Stakes are not allowed to secure canopies due to risk to sprinkler heads. Additional seating beyond the 200-foot fences is available. Only rostered coaches are allowed on the bench.
- All teams must leave the game play area within 10 minutes of the conclusion of your game.
- Warm-ups will be completed away from the playing fields. Teams may not enter the complex until both teams from your respective field have left the area. Warm-up locations, all on site, will be displayed on a map and attached with the release of

game schedules. Teams may not enter the field until field crews have completed clean-up for your game.

- No sunflower seeds or gum are allowed in the dugout, or playing field. All players should have their own water bottle, clearly marked. No team coolers. Please remove all trash and personal items from the dugout after the game.
- Three softballs will be distributed to each team at the beginning of pool play. Each team, when on defense, will use their own set of softballs. Each team is responsible for keeping track of these softballs and wiping them down before entering them back into play. All three must be returned at the end of pool play to receive new ones for bracket games. All returned softballs will be sanitized. In the event of a softball being damaged, return it to a tournament director at either site for a new ball. Umpires will not be handling the softballs. Coaches and teams are responsible.
- All tournament pool play and bracket results will be posted online. **To avoid crowds, bracket boards will not be used in 2020.** Home teams are responsible for texting tournament directors -- Eric Kraushar (Northview): 651-328-7453 or Todd Krenz (Lexington-Diffley): 952-292-7493 -- with a final score which includes both teams, field number and original start time. Please double check with the opponent at the end of the game to agree on the final score. Teams should bring their own scorecards to turn over line-ups to your opponent.
- Teams traveling and staying in the area -- rest assured that any civil unrest or destruction of property mainly occurred in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul in May. Our host fields are 20-30 minutes from any of these areas and do not present any kind of threat to your teams. Our hotel coordinator, Shelly Johnson, has also been in daily contact with hotel staff to make sure they are ready to safely host your teams as well.
- A coaches meeting with a reading of rules is set for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15 via video conference call. All head coaches listed in registration will receive an e-mail next week. All gate fees (\$200 -- can be made out to Eagan Fastpitch) will be collected by Eagan Fastpitch personnel on the first day at both complexes.
- We ask that rosters and insurance forms be submitted electronically before July 15 to ekraushar@nafasoftball.com. A 2020 NAFA roster form is available on our home page at www.nafasoftball.com.

NAFA asks all coaches to share highlights of this document that pertain with families. We need all players, coaches and fans to adhere to these guidelines to assure we have a fun and successful tournament. We are all very excited for the games to begin. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Eric Kraushar, NAFA's Minnesota State Director and 12U Tournament Director (and Eagan resident), at ekraushar@nafasoftball.com.