

COVID-19 protocols for competition



Please note-protocols are subject to change based on guidelines and the leagues evolving ability to create safe places for spectators.

Consistent with practice, only coaches and team parents will be on the field with the players. Additionally, all players, coaches, and team parents must have their safety check completed and checked with the designated team parent.

- **All players, coaches, team parents, and spectators will be instructed to stay home if they or anyone in their household have any symptoms of illness including, but not limited to: temperature above 100.4, cough, sore throat, sneezing, body aches, loss of sense of smell or taste, difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fatigue.**

Designated areas for spectators at games. At this time, only parents and siblings are permitted to be spectators at the games. We understand that grandparents enjoy watching games too. As long as they are included in your household's "bubble", they may take the place of a parent or player sibling in order to come out to a game.

When scheduled to play on the fields off of Oak Street-**home team** will park in the parking lot on North Street and walk over to the area set up for spectators for their respective field. **Visiting team** parents will have the parking spots outside of their field so they can park and watch from outside of their cars.

When scheduled to play on the fields off of North Street-spectators will be able to come in and sit watch from designated areas.

Parents from each team will be grouped with parents from their respective teams and stay 6 feet from people outside of their family and wear face coverings over both their mouth and nose. As families are entering the field they also maintain social distancing.

Game Play Safety

Teams will follow all precautions and procedures currently being followed by Spirit during practices. These include but are not limited to

- Staying home if player or immediate family member is not feeling well
- Wearing masks at all times when not doing physical activity
- Coaches will be required to wear masks throughout the entirety of the event. When drinking water, coaches are asked to maintain more than a 6ft distance from players in order to safely remove mask in order to drink.
- Sanitizing hands when entering campus gates
- Sanitizing before and after drinking
- Sanitizing as they come on and off the field
- Keeping personal equipment 6ft apart (bats, helmets, gloves, bat bags)
- No sharing of any individual equipment
- Avoid using dugouts and bleachers
- No sharing of food or water
- Coaches must shag their teams foul balls
- Sanitizing game balls between innings

If an umpire is utilized, he/she will wear a face covering for the entirety of the event. They have been instructed to not attend if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or any close contacts.

Each team will be given game balls to keep separately and use throughout the season. Teams will provide their own game balls to be used when their team is fielding. Balls should be sprayed with alcohol between innings. Umpires will not touch the extra game balls as they will be held by a designated coach of the team on the field. T-ball will be the exception as the ball will need to be touched by the team coach pitching/and or putting the ball on the tee.

Consistent with practice, players will set up their equipment 6 feet apart and use that space as their spot when not on the field and not batting.

No post game high fives will be permitted. Teams can line up along the base lines and chap for each other.

Use of Porta Potties-Due to COVID-19, Spirit asks that families try to utilize Porta Potties only when **absolutely necessary**. Families are asked to keep their mask on while using the porta potties and sanitize the porta potty by spraying with a disinfecting spray or using a disinfecting wipe on anything they have touched prior to exiting.