



Covid-19 Requirements and Guidelines for 2021 Season

Updated April 19, 2021

Oregon Youth Softball is excited to offer another season of softball! The following rules and guidelines apply to all participants, volunteers, coaches, and spectators. If you have a concern about any of these guidelines, please contact OYS at oregonyouthsoftball@gmail.com

Our goal is to create a great experience for players while maintaining the integrity of the game and staying healthy!

- ★ These guidelines were created in compliance with Public Health Madison & Dane County Emergency Order 15, which you may view at www.publichealthmdc.com : https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/2021-04-02_Order_15.pdf

As public health orders change, these guidelines will change as well.

Hygiene Policy

1. Please do not attend practice or games if you have a symptom related to Covid-19. These include fever, sore throat, cough, body aches, fatigue, shortness of breath, or chest pain.
 - *Coaches have discretion at any time to ask a player to sit out/leave the practice or game if they suspect the player may be ill.*
2. Please do not attend practice or games if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or if you are awaiting test results. Please wait 10 days (if not being tested and no symptoms), or 7 days (with a negative test and no symptoms) before returning to team activities.
3. Notify your coach immediately if your player tests positive for Covid-19.
4. Players must bring their own hand sanitizer to practices and games and be prepared to use it frequently while participating (such as in between drills, after at-bats, before and after setting up shared equipment, etc.). Teams will also have hand sanitizer available.
5. Players must provide their own personal water bottle. (During hot days, it's a good idea to bring extra water!) Please do not share water.
6. Players must bring their own helmet, fielding mask (if required), and glove. Please do not share this equipment. OYS is happy to lend out equipment to players for the season - just ask!
7. If you have to cough or sneeze while at a team activity, please do so into your elbow or a tissue and immediately use hand sanitizer or wash your hands afterwards.
8. No sunflower seeds or other snacks are allowed while participating in practices or games.



Protective Measure Policy

1. Upon arrival at the field, all players will drop their gear at designated “player areas” along the fencing stretching from the dugouts out along the baseline. Ribbons, tied to the fencing at 6-foot increments, will indicate spots for each player’s gear. **DUGOUTS WILL NOT BE USED TO STORE GEAR.**
2. Players will stay 6 feet apart from one another during practices and games when not actively participating.
3. All other individuals attending practices and games (coaches, spectators, etc.) or not actively participating will maintain 6 feet of distance between each other at team events.
4. In accordance with PHMDC Order 15, face coverings are not required when playing outdoors, but are recommended when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained. This also applies to spectators. Please consider wearing a mask when you cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from people not from your household.
5. Players will not gather in dugouts. A good rule of thumb is to have players enter the dugout to prepare when they are about to be on deck. Coaches may use the dugouts if proper distance can be maintained.
6. When visiting opposing team fields, players, coaches, and families must adhere to any specific policies at those fields (such as spectator limits, mask requirements, etc.).
7. We encourage players to find fun and creative ways to celebrate with each other while maintaining distance! Ideas are air high fives, chants, cheers, and anything else players come up with!

Cleaning Policy

1. All teams will have access to sanitization supplies for use during team activities. These supplies include hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, disinfectant wipes, and gloves and will be provided by OYS.
2. Coaches will be in charge of making sure any shared, high contact equipment is wiped down after team activities/between uses.
3. Players and coaches will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer frequently before and after using any shared equipment.
4. Teams must pick up all trash after each practice and game.
5. In the event that a player tests positive for Covid-19, any team equipment that player used will be disinfected before the team uses it again.