



Smithfield Softball COVID-19 Guidelines for Back to the Ballpark

- 1) All coaches and parents must read these guidelines, and then sign the USA Softball waiver form.
- 2) Anyone who is sick or are showing COVID-19 [symptoms](#) should stay home and not return to practice until they are symptom free for 3 days or are tested and have a negative result.
- 3) Individuals, including coaches, players, and families, who have recently had a [close contact](#) with a person with COVID-19 should also [stay home and monitor their health](#).
- 4) There will be no shared equipment. Each player must have their own equipment. i.e.- bat, glove, batting gloves
- 5) Players need to bring their own drinks, no team coolers are allowed
- 6) Softballs, and any other equipment, such as tees, will be sanitized before and after each practice
- 7) Coaches and players need to have hand sanitizer with them to use before and after practice
- 8) Face coverings: Coaches and staff are required to wear a face covering in accordance with RIDOH regulations and Executive Order 20-30 or when unable to easily, continuously, and measurably keep six feet of physical distance from others. Youth participants are encouraged to wear face coverings when not engaged in active play. While engaged in the active play of sports or strenuous activities, youth participants do not need to wear a face covering. However, youth participants should be encouraged to wear face masks at all other times. Face coverings shall not be required of those who are unable to comply for health or developmental reasons, including young children who may not be able to effectively wear a mask
- 9) A total of 15 people is currently allowed to congregate. That is the combined total of players and coaches. It must be the same group, stable groups. Stable groups: Participants are required to be organized in “stable groups” of a maximum of 15 people. The term “stable groups” means the

same individuals, including children, staff and any adult leaders, remain in the same group over the course of the entire program. Children shall not change from one group to another, and groups should occupy the same physical space. Parents and caregivers should choose one stable group for their child per season.

- 10) Space between stable groups: Stable groups are required to maintain a minimum of 14 feet between the outer limit of their group play and any other stable group or passersby.
- 11) Physical distancing: Physical distancing is encouraged, but not required within each stable group; however, activities where at least six feet of distance can be maintained are encouraged and 14 feet of distance is preferred. When not engaged in active play, members of a stable group should maintain physical distance of six feet between each person
- 12) If bathrooms are open, they will be sanitized before and after each practice.
- 13) Parents need to drop off players and pick them up, or drop them off and stay in their vehicles if they wish to wait
- 14) When more than one field at the facility is being used, we will space out player arrivals and departures by 15 minutes, (5:45-6:00-6:15)
- 15) Coaches and players need to leave the field immediately following practice, do not congregate with players and their parents.
- 16) Players need to place their equipment at stations, 6 feet apart. The stations will be lined up along the fence. Dugouts at this time will not be used. A coach will direct players where to go to as they arrive

DISCLAIMER: Participants, parents, family, and spectators engaging in softball and activities related to softball do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.