

## SOFTBALL FALL GUIDELINES

T&C Softball is committed to offering a safe environment for the Fall Season 2020. Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, new guidelines have been established to assist in providing the best opportunity for a safe and fun return to play. Guidelines established based on following:

- The State of Texas/ City of Austin ordinances
- RRISD
- Local area softball
- T&C sports organizations

The guidelines below are not intended to serve as a substitute for federal, state or local recommendations nor do they supersede any requirements or restrictions put in place by federal, state or local government.

T&C softball will continue to adhere to any changes required due to the evolving COVID-19 requirements

Guidelines:

- If a player is feeling ill, someone close to a player has recently been feeling ill or a player has been in contact with someone who has been feeling ill, the player should not participate in practice or games
- All players should wash hands or use hand sanitizer prior to, during breaks, and immediately following practice
- Coaches will have Hand Sanitizer that will be provided for use in the dugout
- All spectators are required to bring their own chairs and maintain social distance. No usage of the stands will be allowed until further notice.

## Practices:

- All participants will wear face covering/mask when entering and exiting the facility until able to maintain appropriate social distance from others or at the fields
- Players will be organized in smaller groups of 3-4 for running drills during practices
- Coaches will wear masks if within 6ft distance from players. Coaches will try to maintain appropriate social distance when communicating plans for practice drills.
- Team practices will be staggered by 15 - 30 min to allow for one team to exit fields prior to arrival of the next team
- Teams will use alternate dugouts for practices, so no teams are using the same dugout on one practice day. 1st practice of the day will utilize 3rd base dugout 2nd practice of the day will utilize 1st base dugout
- Players will be asked to space their belongings in the dugout and along fence during practices to maintain distance
- All players and coaches will use hand sanitizer before practice, during breaks, and at the end of practice
- Players and coaches will not be required to wear masks during practice, but as noted above, are asked to wear masks in common areas (as mandated by T&C) or unless able to maintain social distance from players or others
- No sharing of any water or any personal items or gear
- Multiple sets of catchers gear will be provided to each team so that there is no sharing of the softball equipment during a game or practice
- Disinfectant will be available to sanitize dugout benches and equipment before and / or after games and practices

- Bathrooms will be available during practice and will be regularly cleaned/sanitized by T&C.
- COVID 19 signage will be posted throughout T&C complex

Games:

- On field warm-ups will be limited to 30 minutes prior to game time
- Players will be in the dugouts and distance will be maintained to the extent possible
- No sharing of any gear, equipment, water or other items in the dugout
- Softball equipment will not be shared by players. Teams will be provided with an extra set of catcher's equipment, so players do not have to share masks or catcher's gear.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided to each team for use in dugout and will be used prior, during and at the end of all games
- Disinfectant will be available to sanitize dugout benches and catcher's gear before and after games and practices
- Players and coaches will not be required to wear masks during games; however, coaches will be required to wear mask if unable to maintain appropriate social distance with umpires or players during games
- Umpires will not be required to wear masks except when in close contact with coaches.
- Umpires may call games from behind home plate or behind pitcher.
- Pre-game coin toss (if necessary) will follow social distance requirements and coaches/umpires will wear masks for the coin toss
- Umpires will not place the softball on the tee during 6U T-ball games or handle any of the player equipment. Coaches will be required to do so.

- No handshakes after the games. Applause lines or waves only to maintain distance between teams
- All players should exit the fields and facilities immediately after completion of the game

### COVID reporting Guidelines

	Individual	Coach	T&C Board	T&C Office
Player feels sick or confirmed contact with positive Covid-19 case	1.Inform coach 2.Refrain from practices and games until negative COVID confirmation	1. Notify Team 2.Games and practices can continue		
Coach feels sick or confirmed contact with positive COVID case		1. Notify Team 2. Games and practices may continue as long as team has another registered coach available		
Player or Coach with confirmed case of Covid-19	1.Inform coach 2.Refrain from all activity until 14 days after confirmed diagnosis or negative COVID test	1. Notify Team 2. Notify T&C Softball Board 3.Team activity stopped pending individual confirmation of negative Covid-19 status or 14 days have elapsed since positive test result.	1.Notify T&C office 2.Notify external coach(es) who have participated in a games with affected team within the past 14 days	1.Ensure appropriate communication to T&C families 2.Ensure appropriate communication with Health Agencies
Umpire has confirmed case of Covid-19	1.Inform T&C Softball Board 2.Umpire shall refrain from participation in games until 14 days after confirmed diagnosis		1.Notify T&C office 2.Works with umpire contact to notify all coaches of games ump'd in past 14 days	1.Ensure appropriate communication with Health Agencies

