



PLAYER PITCHER SAFETY MASK REQUIREMENT

Following is the policy regarding SMYSA's position on player pitching safety face mask rule requirement. This policy will be in force for the 2024 season and thereafter, until amended.

For the safety of our pitchers, the SMYSA board of directors has instituted that all pitchers in our Mini's, Minors, & Major divisions must wear a USA approved safety face mask while either warming up, practicing pitching and live pitching at all times.

If the pitcher does not have an approved face mask of their own, the league shall provide one for use in their games.

This requirement will be enforced by the SMYSA board of directors and its designees. If it is found that the pitcher is not wearing one, penalties are as follows:

First offense - the game will be stopped and the head coach shall be warned. And game will not be continued until the face mask is worn.

Second offense and thereafter, if the pitcher is still not wearing a safety mask, she will be removed from pitching and not allowed to return to pitch until one is worn.

If a pattern is found and/or repeat violations, the SMYSA board of directors will review the incident(s) and make a determination of possible disciplinary actions against that coach.