



West Valley Slammers Spring 2021 Protocol and Guidelines

The West Valley Slammers (WVS) board of directors is eager to return to playing softball. We are dedicated to the safety of our players and their families. These updated Spring guidelines reflect our commitment to player/family safety and the current orders put in place by the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health. This may not resemble a traditional Spring rec season. We are constantly monitoring changes to the official guidance and may choose to adjust these protocols and guidelines based on new guidance issued by Santa Clara County.

NOTE: These guidelines may be challenging to implement for many children under 10 years of age. Coaches for these players must consider how to utilize practice time in a way that allows for adherence to protocols.

1. The league safety officer is the point of contact for implementation of the enforcement of these protocols. If the league safety officer position is vacant, the members of the Executive Board of Directors will fulfill this role collectively.
2. In the event of an outbreak of the virus, the league safety officer will coordinate with local health officials and any pertinent organizations regarding any team activity and will follow guidelines regarding notification requirements.
3. The league safety officer, in cooperation with the board of directors and input from the coaches, will maintain a list of no more coaches than is practicable and necessary for the efficient operation of the team. This includes both coaches and female parents and/or guardians to act as team manager and chaperones. This group is defined as "Personnel".
4. Players registered for the 2021 Spring season will be divided appropriately to Personnel. Every attempt will be made to limit players on a team to less than 14, and in most cases 12 or fewer. This group of players and personnel is defined as an "Approved Team."
5. The use of WVS practice fields will be limited to Approved Teams during the times that WVS has permitted fields. This applies to both Bagby Elementary School and local city fields that we use.
6. While it is discouraged for two Approved Teams to share a practice field, it may be necessary and can be done if and only if the two teams can maintain a reasonable distance from to another.
7. Player and Personnel are encouraged to participate in only one sport or program activity at a time to the greatest extent possible.
8. Practice times for Approved Teams are determined by the league scheduler with guidance from the Chief Player Agent and will be communicated via the WVS website

and through email. Only Approved Teams who have reserved time on the field may participate in practice. Priority is given to Approved Teams who have completed all of their paperwork and by other criteria established by the league safety officer and the board of directors.

9. The list of individuals for each Approved Team will be sent to the league President, the Chief Player Agent and the league safety officer.
10. The league safety officer will instruct all Personnel on proper protocols (social distancing protocols).
11. A copy of these protocols will be given to each member of Approved Teams in practice prior to participation. Players and their parent(s) and/or guardian(s) will be required to sign a waiver acknowledging the associated risks, and a release of liability. These signed waiver and acknowledgement forms will be returned to the league safety officer.
12. The league safety officer is responsible for monitoring updates by the State of California and Santa Clara County and will contact players, including parent and guardian, and Personnel of any changes to this set protocol.
13. Team managers are required to keep an attendance log of players and Personnel present at practice and submit the log to the league safety officer after each practice. (Alternatively, an online record can be kept and shared with the league safety officer). The record must include the date, beginning and ending time of the practice, players names, address, and phone contact. The league will cooperate with the local health district to facilitate contact tracing, and will furnish this list to health officials or the school district upon request.
14. All participants must be free from any symptoms that could be associated with COVID-19 (i.e. fever, sore throat, cough, sneezing, body aches, loss of smell, difficulty breathing or fatigue). The manager or head coach will check with each player and all Personnel before each practice starts to ensure that no one has any symptoms. Players and Personnel may not attend the program if they have COVID-19 symptoms and must go home immediately if they develop any COVID-19 symptoms during a practice session. Parents or caregivers are encouraged to seek COVID-19 testing for the player. Personnel may direct the player's parent or guardian to Santa Clara County's "If You Think You Are Sick" webpage for further instructions.
15. All Personnel are required to wear masks at all times during practice and games.
16. Players are required to wear masks at all times, except for breaks.
17. Parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to drop off players and pick them up for practices. Parents or guardians that need to stay for the duration of the practice must remain well out of the field of play, wear a mask, and practice social distancing while waiting.
18. Games are currently permitted for one team per day. No team may play more than one game against another team in the same day.
19. Spectators are permitted for games, but are restricted to immediate household members only. All spectators need to wear masks and abide by the protocols and guidelines of the West Valley Slammers
20. Carpooling is strongly discouraged except for members of the same household that are living together.

21. Players may not wait at or around the fields if outside of their designated practice time. Drop off and pick up must be in a timely manner.
22. Upon arrival, players and Personnel must check in with the team manager or designated Personnel for application of hand sanitizer, of at least 60% alcohol-based. Masks need to be worn by players and Personnel at this time and social distancing maintained during this process.
23. Players and Personnel will also apply hand sanitizer, of at least 60% alcohol-based, immediately after the practice is over. Teams will supply their own hand sanitizer.
24. While at Bagby Elementary School fields are in use, gates and locks must be in an open position and allow for touchless entry. This includes entry gates and equipment boxes by the field. Teams using fields 1 and 4 should enter the fields from the entry on Harris Avenue near the front of the school, and teams using fields 2 and 3 should enter in the parking lot off of Curtner Avenue.
25. No socializing or congregating in the parking lot before, during, or after practices.
26. Players and Personnel must minimize contact. No handshakes, fist or elbow bumps, or hugging. It is recommended to keep a six-foot distance between participants except as strictly necessary to carry out a task associated with the practice.
27. Players equipment bags and equipment are placed six feet apart in spaces designated by the coaches or manager.
28. The use of dugouts is prohibited.
29. Players must have their own personal equipment. This includes, but is not limited to gloves, helmets, bats, batting gloves, face masks, and face coverings. Personal softballs are not allowed for use during practice.
30. Catchers must NOT share equipment with another player during the same practice. If catcher's equipment is to be used by different players (at different practices), it must be thoroughly sanitized and disinfected after use.
31. Personnel may assume the position of catcher for infield and outfield drills. They must maintain six feet distancing from the person putting the ball in play and they must wear a face covering. If no players have catcher's equipment, Personnel may also catch bullpen sessions.
32. Coaches are strongly encouraged to place cones six feet apart during drills to designate individual player areas to maintain social distancing requirements.
33. Each player must bring their own water bottle. No sharing is allowed.
34. Under no circumstances are gum or seeds permitted.
35. The Snack Shack will be open for limited items that are individually packaged (or bottled). Customers at the snack shack must maintain six foot distance as indicated by markings on the floor.
36. Handles of any equipment used to maintain the field condition (including but not limited to brushes, drags, brooms, diggers, golf carts, etc) must be properly wiped down after each use.
37. Any locks or handles within the field that are touched must be properly wiped down after each use.
38. Use of the bathrooms is discouraged but can be used if the need truly arises. Personnel is responsible for wiping down according to protocols established by the CDC and health

experts immediately following use. Individuals using the bathrooms must immediately sanitize their hands with at least 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer after use.

39. Trash cans will not be available on the field. Any trash generated by a player or Personnel MUST be taken by that individual when leaving the field. Wastebasket liners are available for teams to place their trash in and take it with them when they leave.
40. Teams must have their own softballs. Softballs are not allowed to be shared from other groups.
41. Batting cages are available, and thorough cleaning protocols should be taken to ensure safety. This includes (but is not limited to) sanitizing hands before and after opening the gate to enter the batting cage, waiting until the prior batter has left the cage to enter, and wearing masks at all times.
42. Contact the local health district AND the league safety officer about suspected cases and exposure to COVID-19.
43. Any individual who develops symptoms of COVID-19 after leaving the field should immediately isolate and seek medical attention.
44. The Cambrian School District (or any other host for practice fields) may have alternative guidelines that may be enforced and supersede this protocol and guideline at the discretion of the WVS board of directors.
45. Personnel from each Approved Team is responsible for providing the following supplies at each practice:
 - a. Disinfectant wipes (for use in wiping down gates and locks, handles, balls, bathrooms, other surfaces commonly used.)
 - b. Gallon ziplock bags (or similar bag) for collection and disposal of wipes or first aid trash.
 - c. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer, 60% or greater
 - d. Softballs
 - e. First Aid Kit
 - f. Medical gloves
 - g. Instant freeze ice packs
 - h. Additional disposable facemasks
 - i. In addition to their own face covering (to be worn at all times), each member of the Personnel group must come equipped with eye protection (sunglasses are sufficient) in the event that social distancing protocols must be broken (e.g. in case of injury).