



## KYA – Fall 2020 SPORTS

**KYA** views the health and safety of our patrons, volunteers and guests as our top priority. As we continue to closely monitor the virus, we remain proactive in our adjustments as we follow the guidance from the **U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Tarrant County Health and Human Services, and Governor Abbott.**

As a result, **KYA** has adopted the following Recommended Best Practices in an effort to provide a safe environment for our coaches, athletes, and their families. These are designed to help Teams, Coaches, Players and Spectators with procedures and guidelines for operating both practices and games. They do not replace or supersede any protocols or restrictions outlined by our state or local authorities.

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** Despite youth sports being allowed by the Governor, there is always a risk with any activity where interaction with, or close proximity to, other people exists. The ultimate responsibility and decision to participate lies with parents and coaches and our standard refund policy will apply for players withdrawing from the league once registration closes. Please read through the Guidelines below and carefully consider whether or not you want to participate in KYA Fall Sports before you register.

### **Recommended Best Practices for Field of Play:**

- 1) All Coaches, players, umpires and spectators are encouraged to continue Social Distancing on and off the field during an event.
- 2) The Coaches meeting at home plate should be limited to one coach from each team plus the umpires.
- 3) It is recommended that all players use their own equipment while participating. This includes gloves, bats, etc.
- 4) Teams should keep players spread out; expanding the dugout area (especially during practices) when room permits and only if player safety will not be compromised. Expansion of the team dugouts should not be done into foul ball areas.
- 5) During games, limit your Coaching Staff to essential team members only.
- 6) We encourage parents to supply their own player(s) with antibacterial wipes and/or hand

sanitizer for disinfecting shared playing equipment and cleaning hands.

- 7) Players may wear PPE items if they choose, as long as the items do not compromise the safety of any and all participants in the practice / game.
- 8) Teams are required to clean their dugout / bench of all trash and other items after each game / practice.
- 9) No team/player handshakes, no team/player high fives, and no group gatherings between teams/players on or off the field.
- 10) The use of sunflower seeds is prohibited.

### **Recommended Best Practices for Spectators:**

- 1) Parents and Fans are required to ensure physical distancing is maintained. (Family units may sit together.)
- 2) There will be NO grouping of the team for typical “post-game” meetings/shared snacks, etc.
- 3) Parents and fans will NOT be allowed in the dugouts, on the field, or in the designated warm-up areas
- 4) Parents should supervise and facilitate the arrival and departure of their player. If the parent or parents remain to watch the practices/games, they MUST practice physical distancing and remain 6 feet apart and spread out in the common area around the outside of the ballfield. Bleachers may be used as long physical distancing, minimum of 6’ space is maintained. (A family unit may sit together.)
- 5) Siblings should NOT be brought to the ballfields if it can be avoided. We realize we may have single parent homes and that this is not possible for many. If you need to bring a sibling with you, please feel free to do so; just make sure they stay with you, under your control and ensure they practice the same physical distancing as recommended that we all follow.
- 6) Coaches and Parents are required to self-monitor per CDC guidelines; if sick DO NOT EXPOSE yourself or your child to others, and DO NOT attend your team’s practices or games. **Follow CDC protocol if ill and immediately notify your teams Coach.**