

# Updated RYBS 2021 Safety Guidelines

The Ripon Youth Baseball/Softball League has followed closely the changes that have taken place this spring in regard to high school sports during Covid 19. We have adjusted our summer protocols based on guidance from the CDC and the WIAA:

**Any player or family member exhibiting coughs, fevers, or any other symptoms associated with the virus is an automatic DO NOT ATTEND. Anyone that shows these signs and symptoms will be asked to leave immediately as this puts our season in immediate JEOPARDY.**

**Masks are optional. The RYBS Board asks that everyone respect each other's rights to wear them if they choose to or choose not to.**

1. ***Game Protocol:*** Players should arrive no more than 30 minutes before their designated game time. At the pregame meeting and throughout the game, coaches and umpires will not be allowed to shake hands or have any physical contact with each other. All parties must maintain social distancing guidelines. No physical contact or touching is permitted. Players and coaches are asked to refrain from high fives or any other physical gestures of celebration. All team personnel must always maintain social distancing guidelines. At the conclusion of the game, players will be asked to forego the sportsmanship line at the end of the game. Instead each team will line up on their respective foul line and "tip their cap" as a salute to the other team to promote sportsmanship.

2. ***Equipment:***

- ***Each participant should have their own hand sanitizer, and use it before entering the park and upon leaving the park.***

\*T-Ball and Coach pitch---Helmets and bats will be provided by the league. Players are welcome and encouraged to bring their own helmets and bats if able. Players will need their own glove. Shared equipment will be cleaned with sanitary spray prior to use by another player.

\*Minors/Majors/Seniors---Refrain from sharing equipment in general. This includes but is not limited to bats, helmets, and catcher's equipment. Bats and helmets will not be provided. (Please let your coach know if we need to assist your family with this.)

Each team needs to provide their own baseballs or softballs for when they are in the field.

3. ***Food/Beverage/Hydration/Concessions:*** All players, coaches, and umpires will have personal water bottles that are kept in their individual designated area. Players are not to have any food or snacks during the duration of the game (including warm-ups). The concession stand will operate at a reduced capacity. Patrons are asked to please dispose of all garbage in designated areas.

## ***Violation of Established Guidelines***

RYBS has established the above guidelines with the interest of the safety of all players, coaches, fans, and the community in mind. Violation of any of the above guidelines places an increased danger on those the plan intends to protect. If a violation is observed by any coach or board member, the coach or board member shall immediately act to attempt to obtain voluntary compliance with the established guidelines. If there is a continued refusal by the violator to comply with required guidelines, the practice or game shall be **immediately forfeited**.