

Managers and Coaches Safety Expectations 2021

The biggest thing is that we need to understand the intent of the rule and what we are trying to accomplish which is keep everyone safe as possible. Remember everyone has a different level of tolerance for risk and they all need to be respected. Remain flexible and understand that we will continually be evaluating these guidelines for changes to make them work as best as possible. These are guidelines not meant to cover every possible situation but rather guide us to make sure we can play baseball\softball this season. If in doubt go with the least riskiest solution possible. It is better to over do safety then under to it.

Washington State Reference: [COVID19 Sporting Activities Guidance.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)

Supplies that will have on hand:

1. First Aid kit
2. Box of Masks
3. Hand Sanitizer
4. Disinfectant wipes
5. Dugouts will also have hand sanitizer in them to use liberally as needed.

Expectations for Practice

- Only people associated with the practice come on the practice field
- **Everyone** is wearing a mask
- At the beginning and end of each practice all people associated with or participated with will use hand sanitizer
- Any Team\group discussion will adhere to social distancing for 6'.
- If equipment, minus balls, is shared it will be wiped down with disinfectant wipes between use.
- Drills should be designed to limit physical contact
- Drills should be designed to keep close proximity time to a minimum for a minimum number of people.
- Coach to player contact to a minimum. No high fives, back pats, etc. Do elbows if necessary. Work to demonstrate and have them follow technique rather than try to manipulate to get them to feel it.
- No sunflower seeds, gum, spitting, etc.
- No licking of the fingers.
- If a person isn't feeling well stay at home.

Expectations for Games

- Only people associated with the game come on the game field
- **Everyone** is wearing a mask

- At the beginning and end of each game all people associated with or participated with will use hand sanitizer
- Any Team\group discussion will adhere to social distancing for 6'.
- No licking of the fingers.
- No sunflower seeds, gum, spitting, etc.
- If a person isn't feeling well stay at home.
- Each team will provide their own ball.
 - Please have your dugout coach responsible for throwing balls in when balls need to be swapped (wet, foul, etc.).
 - Recommend you bring 2-4 balls each game. 1-2 new and 1-2 good used.
 - Foul balls are retrieved by the defensive team only.
 - Use a sanitizing wipe on each ball between innings that way they will be able dry.
- Dugouts need to maintain 6' social distancing. This is going to be a work in progress so please be flexible and understand the intent of the rule. We will evaluate as the season goes on with what is working and not working.
 - This means we are going to maintain a bigger "dugout"
 - Upper fields it may mean we need to use down the fence line with chairs on the outside or benches or the bleachers.
 - Lower fields use the extended concrete area with chairs, buckets, etc. then down the foul line. Seeing the possibility to get tarps to cover if necessary.
 - Priority goes to the players and coaches. Fans will need to fill in around as they can down the foul lines and in the outfield where possible.
 - If players are outside the dugout please designate a 4th, 5th, 6th, etc. outside the dugout helper to keep kids safe and move them up to bat and out into the field.
 - Keep the dugout entry and exit way clear to help eliminate choke points.
- Coach to player or player to player contact to a minimum. No high fives, back pats, etc. Do elbows if necessary.
- Pregame equipment inspection
 - Have players set bats out with the USA Bat label out.
 - Place batting helmets and catchers helmets off the fence enough to see down the back side
 - Umpires will not be touching the equipment they will do a visual inspection.
- Fans are allowed under these conditions:
 - 300 people between fans, officials, players, etc. maximum in the upper 4 fields and 150 for the turf fields will be allowed
 - Fans should spread out down the foul lines and into the outfield as much as possible.
 - Priority for the bleachers will be for players if needed.
 - Masks are worn.
- One scorekeeper will be allowed to use the score booth if necessary. No other person outside of the score keeper will be allowed in the booth.
- Plate meeting.
 - Hand Line up to the umpire
 - Opposing Manager will not exchange lineups
 - Social distancing will be maintained.

- No hand shakes
- Umpires
 - Balls and strikes will be called by the Base umpire behind the mound
 - Plate umpire will be off to the side and move into position when the ball is in play.
- No post game handshakes or cheers.
- No Sunflower seeds, gum, peanuts, spitting, etc. allowed at the field

What to do if there is an issue that needs resolving

- First have a low key conversation with the person.
 - Lets say it is a wearing a mask issue maybe something like “Hey you have me in a tough spot right now and I get it about the mask no one likes them but for us to have the kids play ball this year it is what we have got to do. Can you help me out here?”
- Call Jeff Johnson 206-715-1495 RW Safety Office
- Call your VP of Softball or Baseball
 - Cale Carter 425-306-1991 Baseball
 - Robert Hartman
- Call Will Simmons 425-681-3276 League president

What to do if you need more supplies

- Call or email the safety office Jeff Johnson
 - 206-715-1495
 - Uic-bb-60@redwestll.org

What happens if there is a positive test.

- If there is a positive case within 3 days of a contact all and or Email
 - Safety officer, JJ 206-715-1495
 - League president Will Simmons—425-681-3276
 - Baseball-Cale Carter 425-306-1991
 - Softball—Robert Hartman 425-283-2173
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