

Lee's Summit Baseball Association and Lee's Summit Girls Softball Association Guidelines Phase 2

Addendum to Rules-Joint Pandemic Plan

The following guidelines will be followed when re-opening Ballfields, Sports Complexes and Multipurpose fields.

Ball Complexes / Multipurpose Fields

- Parents
 - Monitor any symptoms or potential exposures for anyone within your household before each practice or game (subject to change based on guidelines from Jackson County Health Department).
 - If yes to any of the following for any person in your immediate household then your child will not be allowed to participate in practice, game, or attendance at the ballpark. *Source CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
 - Exposure to COVID-19 positive person within the previous 14 days
 - You or anyone in your household has been to, or had contact with someone that has visited any of the restricted travel advisory locations listed on the CDC site within 14 days
 - The player or any member of the family with the following symptoms
 - Fever or chills (has a measured temperature of 100.4 °F [38 °C] or greater, or feels warm to the touch, or gives a history of feeling feverish)
 - Cough
 - Sudden loss of taste and/or smell
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Fan attendance is limited to household members of the players on the team. No use of bleachers for fans. Fans must bring their own chairs or stand. Fans should keep six feet of social distancing between different household units. No fan seating or standing is allowed in the area from behind home plate to six feet past the far end of each dugout.

*This list does not include all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you

Per the county's re-opening guidelines, no field should exceed mass gathering of 50 people. Currently this will limit to one parent per player for games. No parents will be allowed for practices unless they are coaching. Phase 3 will increase to 100 per field thus allowing for an increase in numbers of spectators allowed. Phase 3 is expected in early July, which coincides with the start of our game schedules.

- [CDC recommends](#) wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and gas stations.
- Please use caution for any family member or friend who is in the high-risk categories.

*See CDC website for further information: www.cdc.gov

- Teams

- Practices

- Dugout use will not be allowed. Players' items should be lined up against a fence at least six feet apart.
- Parents must remain in their cars or drop off and pick players up afterwards.
- Players should use their own gloves, helmets, and bats, however if they must share the coach is responsible for disinfecting between players. If sharing catcher's equipment, coaches should limit number of players rotated as a catcher and disinfect all catcher's equipment in between use by different players.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring social distancing is maintained between players as much as possible. This means additional spacing between players while playing catch, changing drills so that players remain spaced out, no congregating of players while waiting to bat.
- There will be no public drinking fountains at Legacy Park. Players must bring their own water/beverage to consume during and after practice. No shared water bottles or coolers.
- Players may bring their own snacks to consume during and after practice. No shared/communal snacks.
- Bathrooms will not be open unless games are being played.
- Coaches must disinfect shared equipment before and after each practice.

- Equipment

- Players should use their own gloves, helmets, and bats, however if they must share the coach is responsible for disinfecting between players.

○ Games

- **Fan attendance.** Limited to household members of the players on the team. No use of bleachers for fans. Fans must bring their own chairs or stand. Fans should keep A MINIMUM OF six feet of social distancing between different household units.
 - Golf carts will only be used for staff and emergency transport. Convenience transportation service is not available.
- **Pregame and During Game.** No team or player handshakes, team or player high fives.
- **Plate Meeting.** The pre-game meeting at home plate should be represented by one coach from each team and the umpires all distanced 6 feet apart. A good rule of thumb for coaches would be for each coach to stand outside each side's respective batter's box. No players are allowed at plate meetings.
- **The Ball.** The defensive team is responsible to provide all balls used in their half inning. Umpires will not handle balls. They will only be responsible to ensure the balls being used are legal/league standard. Teams need to be prepared to put multiple balls in play (to account for foul balls sailing out of play) to keep the game pacing forward. If a foul ball is retrieved by anyone other than the fielding team, the ball must be disinfected by the coach before returning it to play.
- **Umpires.** Umpires will utilize PPE and/or will be located behind the pitcher's mound to call balls/strikes. Umpires will rotate to standard positions to make play calls when the ball is put in play. In some instances, the league may have one umpire on the field.
- **PPEs (Not supplied by the Association).** Anyone who chooses to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks, glasses, or gloves can do so any time and for players, at any position (including pitcher so long as glasses are not mirrored).
- **Catcher's Gear.** If sharing catcher's gear, it must be disinfected by the coach between players. It is recommended that the coach limits the number of players sharing catcher's gear in a game.
- **Sanitary Necessities.** Players need to have their own set of sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer to disinfect shared playing equipment and clean hands between innings.
- **Schedules.** Games will be double headers or spaced apart as to minimize cross contamination. If new teams are coming in for the next

game, those teams to play next must be provided designated areas for player warm-ups that provide for necessary social distancing.

- **Postgame.** We recommend teams to tip their cap/helmet to honor the competition with their opponent after a game from across the field. No handshake lines will be allowed. Please do not stand on the foul line to make this sportsmanlike gesture to preserve the foul line for the next game.
 - All teams must pick up the trash in their dugout area. No post-game talks at the field are permitted. Fans and players must leave the playing area and return to their cars immediately after the game. (NO TEAM MEETINGS)
 - Coaches must disinfect shared equipment before and after each game.
- **Dugouts and common areas**
 - Signage will be displayed at each bench to encourage social distancing.
 - Maximum of three players will be allowed in dugout (social distancing still applies). You can have a maximum of three coaches in and around the dugout. When batting, this includes base coaches and one bench coach. To minimize the number of players in the dugout, we are encouraging players to sit with their families, or an area designated by their coach until they become the "batter in the hole".
 - Coaches will be required to provide hand sanitizer for players and team staff.
 - Team water coolers are not permitted. Players use their own water coolers.
 - Players may bring their own snacks to consume during and after games. No shared/communal snacks.
 - No gum, shelled peanuts, or sunflower seeds in the dugout.
 - All Teams to remove team trash at the conclusion of games.
 - Dugouts and common areas will be disinfected by the LSBA/LSGSA personnel between team usage.

- Bleachers

- Bleachers and tables will be removed from all fields to prevent public usage.
- Spectators sitting on the sidelines must socially distance from other spectators outside their household.

- Restrooms

- Display “Closed” signs on Urinals or Toilets to create spacing to accommodate social distancing between the stalls.
- Limit the number of people allowed in the restroom. One person per toilet/urinal; note requirement on signage.
- Floor markings will be placed on the ground outside of the restroom doors for people to stand in line and properly social distance.
- Display Signage inside restroom and on entry doors to remind persons to social distance and wash hands.
- Restrooms will be disinfected once per day based upon minimum CDC Standards
 - Entry and Exit door handles
 - Toilet seats
 - Toilet / Urinal handles
 - Faucets, sinks, hand dryers
 - Partition locks and handles
 - Toilet Paper dispensers
 - Floors
- Concession Stand
 In addition to the regular daily requirements, LSBA/LSGSA staff and/or vendor will complete the following tasks to ensure food safety:
 - Follow all directives provided by the Jackson County Environmental Health Department. <https://www.jacksongov.org/442/Environmental-Health>
 - Associates / Staff will be tasked with keeping specific COVID 19 disinfected records.
 - Associates must always wear gloves and face masks.
 - Floor markings will be placed on the ground outside of the service window for people to stand in line and properly social distance.
- Drinking Fountains
 - Fountains will be turned off.
- Board Members
 - Must always wear the required PPE (i.e. face masks) while in contact with the public and other associates.
- Signage
 - Temporary signage will be posted throughout the complexes and multipurpose fields stating the need for social distancing and the washing of hands. Use bilingual signs where needed.