

CHAA Baseball COVID-19 Return To Play Plan

March 15, 2021

First and foremost, all guidelines laid out by Governor Kemp's Executive Order 06.11.2002 shall be followed. In addition, all recommendations and rules laid forth by Gwinnett County shall also be followed. This includes, but is not limited to, the current 'sunrise to sunset' timeframe which Collins Hill Park will be opened. When 'normal' park hours are restored, CHAA will adhere to the new hours.

This plan will be amended/updated when/if a new Executive Order from Governor Kemp is signed.

Section 1. Generalized park layout to allow for social distancing.

- Gwinnett county supplied signs at park entrance will explain the rules around entrance regarding those with COVID-19 symptoms.
- b. Social distancing will be encouraged while inside the park gates.
- c. Set ups for games will be as follows:
 - a. Dugouts will be used at this time and the concrete areas directly behind each field's dugouts and along 1st & 3rd baseline will be reserved for use by players and coaches who would like to be socially distanced. This concrete area will provide enough space for players and coaching staff to socially distance. Players can ingress to the field via gates in/near dugout.
 - b. Spectators will be allowed in grass areas around the field and behind backstop. Scorekeepers will also be allowed behind the backstop in order to keep score accurately.
 - c. Stands will remain, spectators will be instructed by coaches and association that groups must socially distance 6ft apart.
- d. Set ups for practices will be as follows (assuming 1 team per field for practice, if more than 1 team, revert to game setup):
 - a. Spectators may use any area of either the concrete or grass areas behind the field as long as they are practicing social distancing.

Section 2. Baseball field layout.

- a. There will be no more than 50 total people allowed on each baseball field.
- b. This set up will be as follows (game situation): max of 12 defensive players (based on league rules) in the field, 2 umpires, max of 4 coaches per team, and max of 5 offensive players (batter, 3 baserunners, on deck batter).
- c. Practice setup can be conducted at coaches discretion so long as there are no more than 50 people on the field at a time and recommended social distancing is followed.
- d. Dugouts will be used for games/practices.

Section 3. General best practices to return to play.

- a. 'Same household' groups will be allowed to be together, please keep appropriate social distance from other groups.
- b. Only family members or 'same household' groups should use any tents brought in.
- c. Spectators are encouraged to wear masks.
- d. Players and participants may wear PPE should they choose to do so.
- e. Pre-game plate meeting shall include the umpires and each team's head coach only. No handshakes or fist bumps allowed during this meeting.
- f. Scorecards no longer need to be signed post game.
- g. Line up cards can be sent digitally to the scorekeeper of each team/coach.
- h. No postgame handshakes or fist bumps between teams. Teams may line up on their foul line and tip their hats to the other team.
- i. No pre or post game group prayers will be permitted.
- j. Scoreboards will be used for games; however, CHAA home team is required to manage scoreboard and wipe down before and after use.
- k. Teams are required to clean the hard parts of their side of the field before and after use. This includes using sanitizing wipes to wipe off the gates and fences used to enter the field as well as picking up any trash. Again, this must be done by each team as they enter AND leave the field area. This will satisfy the CDC's recommendation of a 2 stage cleaning/sanitizing process.
- l. Teams are required to provide their own sanitizing wipes to clean with, and also are required to provide hand sanitizer to their players. It is encouraged that each parent provide their own hand sanitizer for their players bag for each player to use their own.
- m. Any players or spectators who are experiencing COVID symptoms should not attend games/practices.
- n. Sunflower seeds and gum are banned for all, spectators, and participants.
- o. Team coolers will not be allowed, personal coolers and personal water bottles only.
- p. Equipment may not be shared between players.
- q. No post game team snacks, parents must provide their player their own drink/snack.

Section 4. Concession stand.

- Concessions are run by the executive board at Collins Hill Park.

Section 5. Collins Hill Baseball Park usage expectations - Baseball

- a. CHAA Baseball wishes to use Collins Hill Park for baseball practices, games, scrimmages, and hosting tournaments.

b. Once approved, we will allow our recreational teams, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U and 14U travel teams to resume play.

c. We would like to request the use of baseball fields 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 from 5pm to 10:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (3/1/2021-6/1/2021) as well as sunrise to 10:00pm on Saturday and Sunday (3/1/2021-6/1/2021). This will allow all our teams ample practice and game time at the park.

d. Required permit paperwork has been submitted.

Thank you all for everything you do and working to get our players back out on the field.

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