



## Guidelines for Youth Baseball, Softball and Teeball

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<b>Scheduling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Youth:</i> Games will all end on a drop dead time limit. The batter at-bat may finish and the game is then called.</li><li>• No extra innings will be played.</li><li>• All participants must immediately leave the facility at conclusion of their game.</li></ul>
<b>Facility Entrance &amp; Warm Up Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You may not arrive to the specific field more than 5 minutes early and may not enter dugouts if occupied or being cleaned.</li><li>• Players may arrive at their designated warm-up space 15 minutes prior to game time. Teams must remain separated in warm up spaces. Designated Warm up spaces will be identified by field on <a href="http://www.teamsideline.com/parkerrec">www.teamsideline.com/parkerrec</a>.</li></ul>
<b>Player Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teams will be assigned a side of the field for seating, warm ups (if time allows), and for dugout use. Home = 3<sup>rd</sup> Base line, Visitor = 1<sup>st</sup> base line</li><li>• <i>Practices:</i> Teams should avoid using dugouts for practices. Line personal and team equipment along one baseline. The team practicing next should line their equipment along the opposite sideline.</li><li>• Players must remain 6 feet apart in the dugout for games.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ While hitting, batters should enter the dugout in their batting order remaining spaced out the entire time. Additional players will line up outside of the dugout. Players rotate through dugouts in batting order.</li><li>○ Dugouts will be cleaned between games.</li></ul></li><li>• While fielding, anyone sitting the bench must stay 6 feet apart. Masks are encouraged.</li><li>• Teams must clean all trash and personal items from all areas, including dugouts.</li><li>• <i>TeeBall:</i> Coaches will receive cones to identify proper spacing while kids are in line to bat.</li></ul>
<b>Player Limitations</b>	<p><b>All participants must self-screen for a temperature of 100.4 or higher and any other COVID symptoms and are NOT allowed to attend if exhibiting either.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only 1 catcher per game is allowed unless a catcher has their own gear.</li><li>• <i>Coach Pitch Leagues:</i> The player-pitcher and player-catcher should stay 6 feet away from the coach-pitcher and home plate coach.</li></ul>
<b>Food and Hygiene</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No sunflower seeds, peanuts or pistachios allowed. No spitting.</li></ul>

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<b>Personal Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helmets will not be provided for practices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Players should provide their own bat and helmet in addition to traditional baseball gear. Discounts and scholarships are available for equipment needs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Players are encouraged to bring a ball. Check rules for specific ball size.</li> <li>• Catchers are encouraged to provide their own gear whenever possible.</li> <li>• We recommend participants sanitize all personal equipment between games.</li> </ul>
<b>Shared Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helmets will be available at games, 4 per team, as a backup. Helmets will be assigned per field and will be disinfected between each game if used.</li> <li>• <i>Teeball</i>: Each field will have one set of helmets. Staff will disinfect helmets after each session.</li> <li>• One set of catcher's gear will be available per team per game for all ages. Gear will be cleaned between games.</li> <li>• <i>Coach Pitch divisions</i> will <i>not</i> receive catchers gear for practice. Coaches should pitch to another adult volunteer. Players may stand in the catching area, similar to the player-pitcher.</li> <li>• <i>Kid Pitch divisions</i> will receive 1 set of catchers gear for practice. Only 1 catcher may practice per practice unless equipment can be thoroughly cleaned between players OR the player has their own equipment. Catchers gear should be disinfected between practices.</li> <li>• For teams using tees, bring your own tee to games.</li> <li>• Each team receives 12 balls to use at games and practice and should label their set with their team number. Teams must provide 1 ball for fielding during games. Don't use game balls until the following week. If a game ball is provided by staff, the ball will not be used again for 1 full week.</li> </ul>
<b>Social Distancing-Participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain 6 feet apart during warm ups, stretching and at all times in and out of the dugout.</li> <li>• Carpooling with non-family members is discouraged.</li> <li>• No post-game or post-practice team huddles. No high fives, fist bumps etc. Sportsmanship will continue to be a touchless manner.</li> </ul>
<b>Spectators</b>	<p><b>See the <a href="#">Sport Leagues Guidelines</a> for overall spectator information and requirements. The following is specific to Youth Baseball and Softball.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spectators should stay in their vehicles until the game is about to start and assure the spectators from previous games have left.</li> <li>• Spectators are encouraged to provide their own seating along the outfield on their assigned baseline (above) using physical distancing but may also sit on available bleachers.</li> </ul>

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<b>Coaches</b>	<p>Coaches can ask parents and assistant coaches to help with any of the following pending the volunteer abides by all social distancing and mask guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear a mask when not physically active. Coaches must wear a mask if approaching a pitcher on the mound. Only 1 coach per visit observing 6 foot spacing.</li> <li>• Only 1 coach may be in the dugout at a time.</li> <li>• Base coaches may be at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> but must wear masks. Coaches helping in the field may remove masks but should remain 6 feet apart.</li> <li>• If a coach needs to help a batter at the tee or with positioning and comes in closer contact, they must wear a mask.</li> <li>• Maintain team roster and attendance for each practice and game to assist with Contact Tracing if needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Game Staff Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport supervisors and umpires are available during games to assist with social distancing and mask guideline enforcement and disinfecting equipment. Our team is committed to supporting coaches and participants as we reopen programming.</li> <li>• Supervisors will wear masks and practice social distancing to the greatest extent possible.</li> <li>• Game staff will clean shared equipment in between games.</li> <li>• Umpires will stand further back from catchers for ample spacing.</li> <li>• Officials will still host a pre-game meeting with distancing observed; no handshakes and no coin toss allowed. Home Team is assigned by the game schedule.</li> <li>• Sport supervisors will have hand sanitizer available if needed.</li> </ul>