

USA Softball of Southern California

All Participants

*All participants must follow the direction of County and State Health Officials AND any guidelines set forth by the individual parks, (ie. Entry/Exit Procedures, snack bar restrictions, crowd control, etc.)

Complex / Park Staff

- Instruct any staff exhibiting symptoms to stay home.
- Drinking fountains should be inoperable.
- Use local guidelines for frequency of bathroom cleaning.
- Install disinfecting wipes in restrooms for personal use.
- Provide easy access to handwashing stations or hand sanitizer throughout the ballpark.
- Caution tape or remove bleachers when applicable. Bleachers may be used to accommodate player social distancing as an extension of the dugout
- Recommended to wear mask and gloves when in contact with spectators, coaches or participants.
- Post COVID-19 recommendations throughout complex.
- Staff should sanitize dugouts in between each team turnover.
- Staff should sanitize all high traffic areas on a regular basis throughout the day.

Tournament Director

- Be aware of local restrictions of out of town teams.
- Communicate with all coaches leading up to event on COVID-19 and the preventative measures being taken for the event.
- Instruct that if they are exhibiting symptoms or if they have a fever, they need to stay home.
- Work with the complex staff to ensure all safety measures are in place or come up with an alternate way to meet the guidelines.
- Instruct spectators to bring their own chairs and caution tape off the bleachers. Bleachers may be used to accommodate player social distancing as an extension of the dugout
- Recommended to wear mask and gloves when in contact with spectators, coaches or participants.
- Game schedules will be modified to minimize the amount of time spent in the park.

Umpire

- Conduct daily self-evaluation assessments. Anybody experiencing symptoms or living with somebody experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Follow the direction of the COVID rule and mechanic procedures handed out from the assignor or UIC.
- Use verbal exchange of lineup changes from safe distance from coach and to opposing team.
- No players should be allowed to participate in pre-game meeting. Only umpires and one coach per team.
- Maintain 6 feet from any player as a starting position.
- Should not handle equipment on the field during a play.
- Umpire to coach interaction must be at least 6 feet apart.
- Instruct the catcher to move away from the plate 6 feet while brushing off the plate.

Coaches

- Conduct daily self-evaluation assessments. Anybody experiencing symptoms or living with somebody experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Ensure that players, coaches and team's spectators are following COVID 19 prevention measures.
- Encouraged to wear masks. Must be neutral and non-distracting if worn during games.
- Recommended to bring and frequently use hand sanitizer.
- Coach to umpire or player interaction must be at least 6 feet apart.
- Players and coaches are encouraged to refrain from celebratory physical contact with each other or opponents on and off the field of play. This includes no post-game handshakes.
- Responsible for ensuring the dugout is cleaned and sanitized upon arrival into the dugout.
- All post game team meetings must be conducted outside the perimeter of the park. Teams must immediately exit the park upon completion of the game. (exception back to back games)

Players

- Conduct daily self-evaluation assessments. Anybody experiencing symptoms or living with somebody experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Encouraged to wear masks between games. Not required. Must be neutral and non-distracting if worn during games.
- Recommended to bring and frequently use hand sanitizer.
- Coach to player interaction must be at least 6 feet apart.
- Equipment bags should be hung up or placed on the ground at least 6 feet apart.
- No sharing of equipment including bats, helmets, training tools, etc. Balls are ok.
- Do not share water bottles or coolers.
- Players are encouraged to refrain from any sort of congratulatory touching including hugs, high fives, etc.

Spectators

- Conduct daily self-evaluation assessments. Anybody experiencing symptoms or living with somebody experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Parents and spectators should be kept as minimal as possible and must maintain social distancing of 6 feet from any non-household member
- There will be no bleacher seating. Spectators are asked to bring their own chairs and sit along outfield and foul lines.
- Encouraged to wear masks between games.
- Spectators should wait for their team's games to begin before entering the park and should immediately exit upon conclusion.
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PRACTICE PLAN - FASTPITCH

Prior to Practice

- Follow the direction of County and State Health Officials.
- Have players conduct daily self-evaluation assessments prior to attending practice.
- Anybody experiencing symptoms or living with somebody experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Communicate with all team members leading up to event on COVID-19 preventative measures.
- Sanitize dugout benches, common area, and any equipment being used during practice (bownets, buckets).
- Coaches should sanitize their hands after wiping down all surfaces.

During Practice

- Follow the direction of County and State Health Officials.
- Upon arrival, players should sanitize their hands.
- Upon arrival, parents or spectators should sanitize their hands.
- Parents and spectators should be kept as minimal as possible and must maintain social distancing of 6 feet from any non-household member.
- Equipment bags should be hung up or placed on the ground at least 6 feet apart.
- No sharing of equipment including bats, helmets, training tools, etc. Balls are ok.
- Do not share water bottles or coolers.
- Players should maintain social distancing of 6 feet whenever possible.
- Players should refrain from any sort of congratulatory touching including hugs, high fives, etc.

After Practice

- Follow the direction of County and State Health Officials.
- Players should sanitize their hands.
- Parents or spectators should sanitize their hands.
- Coaches should sanitize their hands.
- Sanitize dugout benches, common area, and any equipment used during practice (bownets, buckets etc).