

# Parents, Players and Coaches

Below is the state mandated policy for youth sports as it relates to Baseball and our Cap Classic tournament. Be aware, our staff will enforce these policies without exception! Please don't become that person who ultimately affects your team's ability to play. Failure to comply means failure to participate!

There will be a tournament representative at each field to monitor and enforce 100% compliance.

Masks must be worn by all at all times except on the playing field itself. Basically – in play side of fence – mask recommended but not required. Everywhere else including players/coaches off the field and all spectators – mask required. You will not be able to enter the park without one.

A designated coach must be present before players can proceed to the field. If no coach – wait in your car. Coaches – make sure your players know who to meet. Players wandering is not allowed.

**No more than 2 spectators per player. A spectator is any person of any age. Strictly enforced.** Groups of two max. 6 feet distance from any other group, bench designated area or the field itself. Spectators can only be on their own teams' side of the field. Bleachers at many locations will likely be removed or closed. Bring a chair. Spectators are limited to the on-field teams only. Going to watch games that do not involve your team is prohibited.

Anyone entering the park must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home. Protect those who are especially vulnerable by keeping them at home.

Players – upon arrival will be assigned a bench spot by their coach and should then meet in their respective outfield (in a large socially distant circle). No catch/running/etc. until instructed. No infield warmups allowed.

Bench are off limits. The bench is for coaches and on deck batters only. A separate area for players will be designated at each location where players and all their equipment must stay which is off limits to everyone other than players. Players bring a chair.

Drinks, snacks and equipment are not to be shared. Bring your own.

Gum/sunflower seeds/etc. (ie things that get spit out) cannot be consumed.

Hand sanitizer will be available for those who do not have their own and should be used after each defensive inning.

Coaches – must ensure their players and spectators are aware of these rules and enforce when necessary.

Coaches – after games– 2-minute talks and 5 minutes to clear the bench and park. With games following and our staff need to disinfect the benches, fields will have to be cleared quickly. No loitering in the parking lot before or after games.

Coaches – Make sure your dugout and spectator areas are spotless – no bottles/wrappers, etc. are to be left for the safety of whoever now has to pick it up.

If you are following another game – you cannot enter the field area until the previous teams have completely cleared the field area. Below are the 'safe socially distant warmup areas' for each location.

Nike, Nichols and Brighton have significant green space away from the playing field to work with. Your players, coaches and parents are free to use that space while still maintaining social distancing within your group and from any other group. At no time should any player, coach or spectator approach a game field until their team is allowed to enter as a result of previous teams having left. Be aware, Garnet Park has NO WARMUP GREEN SPACE. Dellwood Park – at the corner of Dellwood and Garnet has additional green space. If you cannot find space at any location, you must wait in your car until space becomes available.

Be aware – some facilities may not be opening bathrooms or concessions due to state requirements.

Coaches – ground rules – one coach only per team wearing masks. Do not exchange physical documents for lineups. Scorekeepers can copy from your lineup, etc.

If you need to talk to an umpire during the game – put your mask on. Umpire will do the same.

Each team will have their own baseballs for use on defense. Umpires will not handle balls. Foul balls should be returned to the defensive team and properly sanitized before being returned to the game. Do not toss foul balls back onto the field. Deliver to coaches only.