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Softball Procedures COVID

This set of policies has been developed to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and other communicable diseases in our community.

1. Health Practices

- a. Participants and Volunteers/Staff should wash hands or sanitize after; every practice/game, touching their face, touching someone else or their equipment, using the restroom, taking or administering medication, handling garbage or garbage receptacles, coming in contact with bodily fluids. Hands should also be washed/sanitized before practices/game and frequently throughout.
 - i. All Teams are required to have sanitizer on hand at all times. Sanitizer will be provided at Gothic field where hand washing is not available. Hand washing is available at Tommy V and Pitsker Fields.
- b. Volunteers/Staff will fill out the health log each day for themselves when they show up.
 - i. Volunteers, staff or participants who exhibit symptoms of Covid-19 as defined by the CDC will stay home.
- c. Everyone at the facility must have a clean mask with them at all times. Masks may be removed during gameplay situations where physical distancing is in place. If someone develops symptoms during a practice/contest, they must put on their mask and leave immediately.
 - i. Participants and Volunteers/Staff may not return to play until they are symptom free, without medication, for 72 hours. We may require a doctor's note to return.
- d. Limit physical contact to only necessary first aid interactions or tag plays.
 - i. No unnecessary touches such as high fives, hugs, fist bumps, etc.
 - ii. Spitting is prohibited. Including sunflower seeds.
- e. Volunteers/Staff must participate in contact tracing efforts of the County should there be an infected individual in the program.
 - i. Accurate attendance must be taken each day to assist in contact tracing efforts. This can be done via scorecards.
- f. Participants should come prepared with their own water, snacks and drinks.

2. Distancing & Groups

- a. Group sizes will be in alignment with current health orders or approved exemption requests.
- b. Physical distancing will be maintained in team areas and on the field of play where possible.

3. Equipment

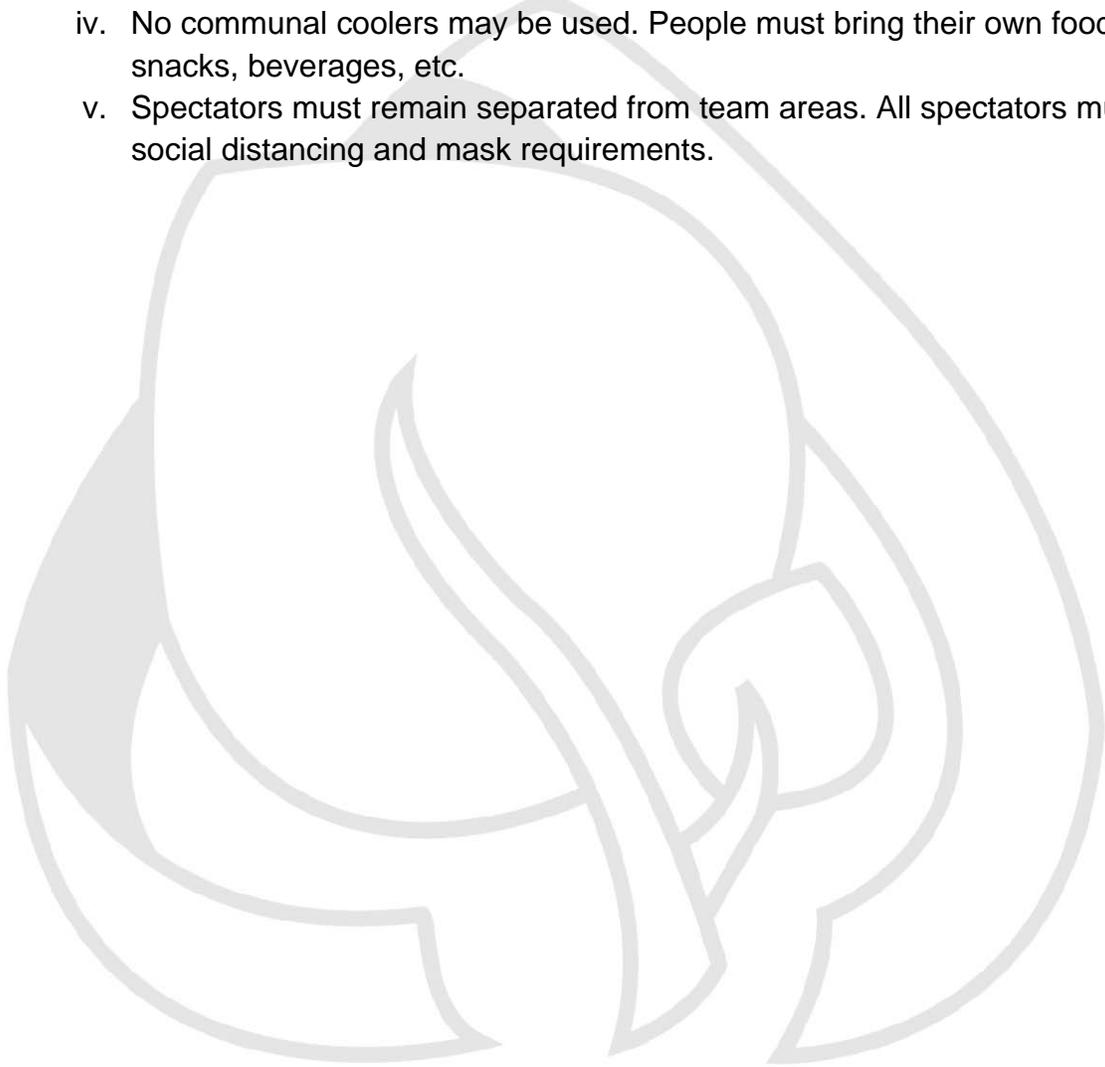
- a. Personal Gear
 - i. Sharing of personal items is prohibited. (Water bottles, snacks, gloves, clothing, etc.)

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- ii. Participants should come with everything they need for a game to be self-sufficient.
- iii. Personal bags/equipment should be lined up along baseline fences in 6 foot intervals; not stored in dugouts.
- b. Group Gear
 - i. If bats need to be shared, they will be sanitized between each use.
 - ii. Balls
 - 1. Each Captain will be given balls for the season. These are to be used while their team is fielding. Each time the ball is put into play, it must be replaced with a freshly cleaned ball.
 - 2. If an infected individual is discovered to have participated in the program, County protocols will be followed.
 - 3. Foul balls should be retrieved by players only.
- c. Scorecards
 - i. Each team will have their own scorecard. Scorekeepers may compare cards inning by inning but must wear a mask while doing so.
- d. Registration & Attendance
 - i. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before contests.
 - ii. Participants will leave as soon as their contest concludes.
 - iii. Maintain 6 feet of distancing between others if spectating. Group size requirements will be followed.
- 4. Altered game structure
 - a. If a player gets caught in a run down, they are automatically out.
 - b. Pitching/Catching
 - i. A clean ball will be introduced to the pitcher each time the ball is put into play. That ball may be used between the pitcher/catcher until it is put into play OR until it is touched by another player.
 - 1. E.g. A foul ball that is retrieved by the right fielder, that ball must be replaced.
 - 2. A ball fouled to the backstop that is retrieved by the catcher can remain in use.
 - 3. A ball hit into play and fielded by anyone other than the pitcher or catcher must be replaced.
 - c. Games will be limited to a strict 1 hour timeline. Incomplete innings at the end of the hour will revert to the last inning. Game 1 will begin time at 5:15pm and end at 6:15pm. Game 2 will begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm.
 - i. Teams will be prompt in getting on and off the field. If game delays are occurring, the umpire will begin calling strikes (if offensive team is delaying) or balls (if defensive team is delaying).
 - d. Dugouts/Spectators
 - i. Dugouts will not house players. They may be used to store equipment.

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- ii. When players are not actively participating in the game, they may line up on the fence by their bags, maintaining 6 feet of distance.
- iii. Masks should be worn in team areas.
- iv. No communal coolers may be used. People must bring their own food, water, snacks, beverages, etc.
- v. Spectators must remain separated from team areas. All spectators must observe social distancing and mask requirements.



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