

SARATOGA SPRINGS RECREATION

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

BASEBALL & FAST PITCH SOFTBALL 2021

DISCLAIMER: Participants, parents, family, and spectators engaging in baseball & fast pitch softball and activities related to baseball and softball do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.

Employees, participants, coaches, and fans are recommended to screen themselves at home prior to coming to the ballpark. If they have a temperature exceeding 100.4, or any COVID-19 symptoms, they should stay home. They should also not come to the ballpark if they are known to have been recently exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Coaches

- *Read off lineup to scorekeeper prior to game (rather than submit a paper copy)
- *Provide own water, hand sanitizer, masks, etc. Wash hands and use sanitizer frequently.
- *Required to wear masks during game.
- *Encourage high-risk individuals and those with symptoms to stay home.
- *Should verify that players do not have any COVID symptoms before each practice and game.
- *Homeplate conference - One coach from each team and must stay 6 feet apart. Suggested to be at the top outside corner of each batter's box when available. No athletes allowed.

Players

- *Allowed to wear masks during game, but not required. Required to wear masks in between games and while in the dugout.
- *Provide own water, hand sanitizer, masks, etc. Wash hands and use sanitizer frequently.
- *Warm up on grass away from main playing area.
- *No high fives at end of game or during the game.
- *Spread out – While in dugout players should distance from others as much as possible. Coaches/Players recommended to sanitize their designated area before using. (Sanitizer not provided)
- *Enter field and dugout after previous team has left and exit immediately after game. Please remove all trash!
- *Encourage high-risk players and those with symptoms to stay home.
- *No huddles. Players that gather at the circle should stay outside the circle maintaining social distancing
- *Discourage sharing of equipment.

*Responsible for water/sports drinks in bottled format and making sure they are clearly marked/identified. No sharing.

Fans

*Encouraged to bring their own chairs

*Encourage physical distancing – fans should sit along baselines and behind outfield fence so that they can be spread out from other households.

*Wearing masks required if within 6 feet of other households.

*Provide own water, hand sanitizer, masks, etc. Wash hands and use sanitizer frequently.

*Encourage high-risk individuals and those with symptoms to stay home.

Umpires

*Provide own water, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, etc. Masks and gloves allowed (but must provide their own)

*Maintain 6' distance from all players/coaches

*Avoid touching the softballs/equipment