

COVID-19 Field Guidelines

GAME GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines shall be followed by teams, coaches, players, and fans when participating in softball games at any Waterville Parks & Recreation Field. The cooperation of everyone involved is critical in helping to ensure compliance.

All teams, coaches, players, parents and fans:

- Maintain a minimum of 6 feet social distancing when conducting all activities (e.g., warming up, watching the game, speaking with umpires, using restrooms, walking through venue, etc.)
- Dugouts and benches will only be used if individuals can be separated by 6 feet or more.
- Teams must exit the field immediately following the end of the game to allow other teams to enter.
- Eliminate all close contact (e.g. handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, hugs).
- Not conduct "good game" handshakes with opponents after games. Instead, in the interest of good sportsmanship, each team should tip their cap/visor or wave to the opponents and umpires from across the field.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, etc. and use them frequently throughout the game.
- Do not attend any game if you or someone you know is ill, displaying signs of illness, deemed high-risk, or the most vulnerable.
- Eliminate the sharing of equipment as much as possible. It is recommended that players sharing equipment should wear batting gloves and disinfect equipment between usage.
- Avoid contact with your eyes, nose and mouth. For example, do not spit, chew gum, chew/spit sunflower seeds, etc.
- Pitchers should not lick their fingers before gripping the ball.
- Do not throw the ball around the infield after an out is made.
- Do not share food and drinks. Instead use individual water bottles or jugs that are clearly marked with their names.
- No social gathering before or after games in parking lots or near the field. Stay in your car and maintain 6 feet social distancing.
- Games will have less than 50 people at any field at any time. This includes players, coaches, umpires and spectators.
- The facilities will not be sanitized between every game, so use of any field is at your own risk.
- Attendees should bring personal lawn chairs and spread out.
- Waterville Parks & Recreation will mark 6' intervals along fences/base lines wherever possible to assist players in maintaining 6 feet of social distancing.