

In this tournament, NCSSA Director John Reedy will bring out rules and recommendations designed to make this tournament as safe as possible. We ask that players & spectator observe these new standards.

Guidelines and tournament rules and recommendations

All players/teams will refer to all applicable guidelines including, CDC, National, State, Local Health Department, and Facility Recommendations for Personal Hygiene, including –

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Cover your mouth and nose – with a tissue, if possible – when coughing or sneezing.

Wash your hands often, using soap & water. If no soap & water available, use hand sanitizer.

Social Contact –

There will be a “no-contact, no-handshake policy” to be observed, extending to all physical contact, including customary game-related activities, such umpire/coach introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams. Instead, players & coaches should tip their caps or simply say “GOOD GAME” without shaking hands, high-fiving etc;

Players will be expected to maintain social distancing before and after the game, and during the game when possible

Managers will be responsible for keeping any sick players or players in quarantine out of the tournament.

Dugout –

The dugout will be extended up the stairs to the bleachers, to help distancing within the team, you should rotate your players in the dugout area to ready to hit or run. Keep backup ball in play. To maintain your 6’ distance you are allowed to use the extension area toward the bleachers.

Players will not be allowed to spread out on the playing field because of inherent danger to player.

When one team is leaving the dugout, the next team can not come into the dugout until all players have exited their distance, and umpire says OK to enter, as the dugouts will be periodically disinfected.

The team leaving the dugout will need to police the dugout area and get rid trash, ESPECIALLY EMPTY DRINKING CONTAINERS.

Game Recommendations –

All teams will be given their own softballs, 1 new per game (not to be opened until game time) and some backup balls, the umpire will not handle any balls, you will use your balls for DEFENSE only, you will keep backup balls ready to put into game, you are responsible to periodically sanitize your own balls if needed.

Players and coaches are allowed to wear face protection (mask or face shields) during games and it is recommended that they wear face protection between games

Bat – only the batting team will be allowed to pick up the batters bat, there will be disinfected in all dugouts for use as needed, umpire will not touch bats.

The umpire will stand 7' to side of the batter/catcher, try not to make any contact with any players,

The catchers will keep 6'/7' behind batter & home plate at all times, or wear face mask, protection.

There will be no line up cards, only the umpire will have a line up card, each team will tell the umpire how many you are batting and how many subs, he will mark on the card, (11 / 12/ 2-sub) when need to sub tell umpire the spot in lineup you are subbing.

There will be no water jugs, bring your own drinks.

Spectator Rules –

Spectators will be requested to bring own chairs – Bleachers may be unavailable, and/or used as part of the extension of the dugout.

Its recommendation spectators wear mask

Spectators are required to maintain 6' social distance

We/I respect the fact that some will disagree, BUT those who do not agree and do not want to follow the procedures will make it difficult to re-start the sport we love.

Therefore, if you do disagree and do not want to follow the new guidelines & rules, stay home. You will be more than welcome to return when the pandemic is under control and hopefully, we will be able to relax the standards.

This is for the good of the game, your fellow players and their families

We/I appreciate your cooperation in following these new guideline and procedures as we work together to maintain the highest health and safety standards.

NCSSA primary concern is the health and welfare of all players, officials, spectators and their families

These procedures are for the safety of everyone at the complex

Thank you!!