



Coed Softball COVID-19 Guidelines

Guidelines

1. **In the case of a positive COVID-19 test result of a participant or staff, we will follow ND Department of Health guidelines and protocol.**
 - a. In the case of a player getting sick on site, all program operations will be suspended for a minimum of 72 hours in accordance with the Department of Health sanitization protocols.
 - b. Programs will resume once the area has been sanitized and the Department of Health has completed their investigation of infected individuals and potential asymptomatic carriers.
2. Staff, participants, and fans who are sick should stay home.
3. All staff and participants will demonstrate good hygiene. Staff will be required to clean their hands with sanitizer or soap/water prior to the start of their shift.
4. Teams, umpires, and players should bring their own hand sanitizer for their use.
5. All equipment should be wiped down at the beginning and end of shift. Teams should disinfect bats and other equipment often.
6. No handshaking, high fives, or physical contact. Post games handshakes eliminated. Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
7. Food, drinks, and water bottles are not allowed to be shared between participants.
8. Staff will be encouraged to wear face coverings while in close quarters on shift.
9. Batter, catcher, and umpire can wear neutral colored protective masks but not required
10. Social Distancing of at least 6 feet by all staff and participants whenever possible.
11. Personal athletic and protective equipment should not be shared with others.
12. Fans are encouraged to practice social distancing while at games.
13. Players and fans are encouraged to leave the program site once games are finished.
14. Teams will be encouraged to limit the number of players in the dugout. Players can line up behind or to the side of the dugout. Do not exit, enter, or pass through opponent's dugout
15. Ball/Strike mat will be used. This will allow greater distance between batter, catcher, and umpire.
16. Pregame coin flip will be eliminated. Teams in 3rd base side dugout will be home 1st games and visitor 2nd game.
17. Coordinator will give teams new balls each game. The pitcher of the fielding team will take their new balls to the mound with him/her and the catcher will place an almost new ball along the backstop behind the catcher. After ½ inning, the pitcher and catcher will take the balls to their dugout for sanitizing and the opposing team will take their four softballs to the field. The batting team is to return foul balls and homeruns. After, game is over leave balls at home plate and coordinator will pick them up.
18. Score card will not require Manager's signature. If no umpire, teams are asked to umpire their own games.