

Coon Rapids Adult Softball Leagues

Return to Play: Back to Softball Adult Softball COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

Arriving at Complex:

Mandatory:

- Please follow signage to enter and exit the facility for games.
- Prohibit gathering and congregating on and around fields.

Recommended:

- Hand washing or hand sanitizing, when soap and water is not available, is strongly recommended when arriving to and leaving the venue.
- Ridesharing should be kept at a minimum.
- Limit spectators at the venue. Only 250 people are allowed on site.

During the Game:

Mandatory:

- **All athletes must maintain six feet distance, whenever possible, from any other person.**
- Batting team must not take the field until the entire fielding team is off the field.
- Each team must provide their own balls for when they are the fielding team, and they must be sanitized each inning. (Mark your softballs w/initials)
- During a game, participants must maintain six feet of separation in the dugout. Participants not able to be in the dugout will be outside the fenced field.

Recommended:

- Each team is responsible for bringing hand sanitizing products to games.
- Each team should sanitize the dugout bench before, during, and after each game.
- Hand sanitizing is strongly recommended during games.
- When there is contact of any kind in the field of play, players should resume physical distance, immediately, upon completion of the play.

All Players and Managers

Mandatory:

- Must conduct a daily symptom assessment and stay home if experiencing symptoms.
- No spitting, chewing tobacco or eating sunflower seeds.
- No sharing of food or drinks.
- No touch rule – Refrain from high fives, handshake line, and any other physical contact with fellow players, umpires, and spectators. A “tip of the cap” will be used as a salute to the opposing team to promote sportsmanship following the game.

Recommended:

- Each team is responsible for bringing hand sanitizing products to games and use of sanitizer between innings is recommended.
- Managers should ensure the players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas.

Spectators:

Mandatory:

- **Must maintain six feet distance from any other person (outside their household) and stay in the grass down the 1st or 3rd baseline.**
- Must conduct a daily symptom assessment and stay home if experiencing symptoms.
- No sunflower seeds allowed.

Recommended:

- Face coverings are strongly recommended for all spectators.
- Only one spectator per player is recommended at games.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is strongly recommended during the games.

Umpires:

Mandatory:

- **Must maintain six feet distance from any other person.**
- Must conduct a daily symptom assessment and stay home if experiencing symptoms.
- Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with any other person.
- No touch rule – umpires must refrain from physical contact with managers, players, and spectators. A “tip of the cap” will be used as a salute to the teams to promote sportsmanship following the game.

Recommended:

- Face coverings are recommended.
- Umpires will be stationed in normal position with Catcher at the back stop.

Communication and Confirmed Cases:

Mandatory:

- Each team must keep an accurate book of both teams including contact information. In the case of someone getting infected this document will be necessary for Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to perform contact tracing.
- Organizers must post these guidelines at their facilities, where applicable, and disseminate them to all managers, umpires, players, and spectators.
- Organizers must contact the MDH about any suspected case of COVID-19 or known exposure.

Recommended:

- These guidelines should be communicated to all organizers for dissemination to managers, umpires, and spectators and posted at facilities.
- Venue operators should post signage promoting physical distancing including directing foot traffic and outline spectator areas.
- Organizers should regularly communicate to their managers, umpires, players, and spectators that they should stay home should they be experiencing any symptoms.