



**Community Facilities – Return to Play** *Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department* 

**City of Peoria** 

## General Guidelines for Tournaments For the 2020 Fall Season

We will be following guidelines from the CDC and Governor's Executive Orders.

#### Are you sick? Please Stay Home

- We ask that if you do not feel up to par, have a fever, or if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms; please stay home.
- If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you do not participate or attend a tournament game until you have been cleared by a doctor or have had no symptoms for 3 days.
- We also ask that if someone on your team has recently practiced or played in a game and has tested positive for COVID-19, notify your tournament promoter.

#### Facility Modifications

- Tournament promoter should use game time template and additional facility changes provided to them. Double-headers are designed for 4 teams over 2 fields to rotate between those fields during pool play (Peoria Sports Complex only).
- Field preparations by maintenance crew will only take place prior to teams entering into the facility or when teams have fully vacated the playing field. Minimum I hour of "dead time" in between games to allow for field re-prepping and additional restroom cleaning (Peoria Sports Complex only).
- After the first 2 games of a day, the facility will be closed to attendees to allow maintenance crew to re-prep the fields for the subsequent games and allow time for the restrooms to be cleaned and sanitized (Peoria Sports Complex only).
- Access to the fields will be limited to 30 minutes prior to posted game time and should be monitored by tournament promoter.
- Courtesy golf cart services are not available.
- Umpire rooms will be available for umpire use but should follow physical distancing measures of 6 feet from each other and wear face masks when inside the building.
- Bleachers should be limited to use by players and coaches only.
- Tournament promoters operating an entry table are encouraged to provide contactless payments.
- Attendees should wear face masks when in the facility.
- Attendees should follow signage and guidelines for entering and exiting the facility, maintaining physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet from other attendees.
- Spectators should be restricted to no more than 2 per player.
- Designated seating areas for fans/family are away from the bleachers and dugouts and should bring their own chairs/umbrellas/canopies for seating while also maintaining physical distancing.
- Parents, coaches and athletes should provide their own drinking water / individual water bottles. Water jugs and water fountains will not be available onsite.



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- If extra cleaning of restrooms is requested, additional costs will be the responsibility of the tournament promoter.
- Requests for stadium games will require additional cleaning costs at the responsibility of the tournament promoter (Peoria Sports Complex only).
- Parents, spectators and teams should leave the event premises immediately after their games have been completed.

# Game Specific Guidelines on page 3







## Game Specific Guidelines

- Game length will be "drop dead" in timing. Game length to be determined in coordination with the tournament promoter (Peoria Sports Complex only).
- No sunflower seeds/spitting should be permitted.
- No in-game high-fives or end-of-game handshakes should be permitted.
- No group prayers or meetings between teams on the field should be permitted.
- Home plate umpires should wear masks and further distance in setup behind catchers or officiate from behind the pitcher's mound.
- Comprehensive sanitation protocols, including sanitizing sports equipment before and after use and providing disposable disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, cleaner, or spray should be implemented by the tournament promoter.
- The sharing of water bottles, towels, or equipment should be restricted.
- The managers' meeting at home plate should be limited to one coach from each team plus the umpires. No players at the plate meeting. Eliminate the meeting if possible.
- Pitching and scorecard exchanges should be limited.

# **Roles and Responsibilities on page 4**



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## **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

### FACILITY

- Continually monitor updates of CDC guidelines and local mandates to support Public Health and Safety.
- Distribute and post Return to Play protocols.
- Determine changes to Return to Play protocols, if necessary.
- Train and educate all TOURNAMENT PROMOTERS and ONSITE STAFF on Return to Play protocols.
- Enforce violations of Return to Play protocols.
- Postpone and/or cancel games, if necessary, due to public health concerns or tournament promoter noncompliance of Return to Play protocols.

## **TOURNAMENT PROMOTERS**

- Support Return to Play protocols.
- Communicate Return to Play protocols to all PARTICIPANTS prior and during the season.
- Manage physical distancing (six feet) when PARTICIPANTS are not actively engaged in the activity.
- Ensure PARTICIPANT equipment is sanitized before every game.
- Notify the FACILITY and/or ONSITE STAFF immediately if a PARTICIPANT becomes ill for any reason.
- Notify the FACILITY and/or ONSITE STAFF if a PARTICIPANT has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last ten days.

## STAFF

- Stay home if feeling ill for any reason.
- Wear a mask and sanitize equipment when requested.
- Educate and enforce Return to Play protocols.
- Encourage PARTICIPANTS not actively engaged in activity to wear masks.
- Maintain physical distancing, six feet, when communicating to TOURNAMENT PROMOTERS and PARTICIPANTS.
- Prep baseball fields prior to game days and during midday closure periods only.
- Clean and sanitize restrooms prior to game days and during midday closure periods only.

### PARTICIPANT

- Adhere to all Return to Play protocols.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after games.
- Wash and sanitize uniform and equipment after games.
- Do not share water, food or equipment.
- Respect and practice physical distancing, six feet, at all times.
- Do not enter facility until 30 minutes before game time.
- No high fives, handshakes, fist bumps or group meetings.
- No sunflower seeds or spitting.
- Additional coaches and bench players are encouraged to sit in the bleachers.