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## **Hall County Parks and Leisure**

### **Safe Play Protocols for Youth Baseball**

#### **General:**

- Anyone with symptoms of fever, cough, or worsening respiratory symptoms, or any known exposure to a person with COVID-19, shall not attend any HCPL activity until cleared by a medical professional.
- Any individual, including players, at risk for severe illness or with serious underlying medical or respiratory condition shall only attend HCPL activities with permission from a medical professional.
- Any coach or player that returns a positive test must quarantine for 14 days.
- Any coach or player that has had a direct exposure (within 6ft for more than 15 minutes) must quarantine for 14 days.
- All parents must sign a hold harmless waiver for player(s) in order to participate.
- All practices and games will follow all local and state directives regarding the number of people allowed to gather in one place.
- Time between practices and games will be added for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Hall County Parks and Leisure will suspend all activities at any point if GHSA and/or the Hall County School District suspends, delays, and/or cancels fall sports.

#### **On-Field:**

- Coaches and Volunteers must wear a mask when on the playing field and in dugouts during the duration of the game, including warm-up.
- We will play at two facilities for games in order to properly manage protocols.
- Players, Coaches, and Fans shall practice social distancing from anyone that is not a member of their household.
- Players must socially distance while in the dugout when on offense. Utilize areas behind the dugout or outside of the fence down the foul line.
- Players and coaches shall take measures to prevent all but the essential contact necessary to play the game. This shall include refraining from handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, and group celebrations. Following the game



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players and coaches shall line up on the first and third baselines and tip their cap in respect to the opposing team.

- Sunflower seeds, gum, etc., shall not be allowed in dugouts or on the playing field.
- All players and coaches are to refrain from spitting at all times, including in the dugout areas and on the playing field.
- One umpire shall be assigned to each game and will call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher's mound in order to maintain a proper social distance.

### **Equipment and Personal Items:**

- All personal player bat bags/equipment bags shall be spaced accordingly to prevent direct contact inside or outside the dugout.
- Players shall have their own individual batter's helmet, glove, and bat. These shall not be shared with any other players.
- Athletes, managers/coaches, and umpires shall bring their own personal drinks and snacks to all team activities. Drinks shall be labeled with the person's name. Teams shall have no use of shared or team beverages or food.

### **Spectators:**

- Spectators will need to bring their own chairs in order to properly social distance.
- Players and families shall vacate the field/facility as soon as is reasonably possible after the conclusion of their game to minimize unnecessary contact with players, coaches, and spectators from the next game
- Practices shall be limited to the managers/coaches and players. Parents may socially distance outside of the field of play or sit in their cars.
- If there is a game or practice prior to your event, families and spectators are encouraged to stay in their vehicles or at recommended social distances until the start of their game play to prevent overcrowding of spectator spaces and walkways.

### **Facilities:**

- Bleachers will not be available due to social distancing practices.
- Pop-up tents are not permitted.
- No public water will be provided.
- Dugouts and restrooms will be disinfected following each game.
- Game balls will be disinfected between innings.



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- No food or concession sales will be available.
- Staff will retrieve all foul balls outside the playing areas.