



## Tournament Rules Supplement

### COVID 19 Safety Requirements

These tournament rules serve as a supplement to our tournament rules and clarification of the Responsible RestartOHIO **Guidelines for Baseball and Softball**. Site Managers will be on duty at each venue to address and questions and make sure teams, players and fans are following these guidelines.

**Any team, player or fan that refuses to follow these guidelines will be removed from the park, and the team may be removed from the tournament.**

#### Registration, Rosters & Arrival to Venue

- All coaches are required to submit a roster that includes coaches, player name, player number, address, DOB and phone number. No games will be played without a roster submitted to the Tournament Director or Site Manager.
  - *For USSSA events this should be updated and submitted through the USSSA website.*
- All participants (Coaches and Players) are required to sign a liability release prior to the start of the tournament.
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- Head Coach/Manager is required to check in with the Site Manager at each venue to confirm all we have roster and release and to confirm understanding of our rules. Site Manager will be wearing a yellow vest to be visible.
- Teams should not arrive more than 30 minutes before the game start time. Teams will be instructed to a staging area to wait before the start of the game to allow for

appropriate spacing. Players should NOT hang out by the dugout before their game, you will be instructed as to when you can enter the dugout.

- Coaches may arrive earlier to wait for their team and check in.
- Game time limits will be 1:45 to allow for more time between games.
- Venues with gate fees will try to have an electronic payment option to limit cash transactions.

### Game Procedures

- Upon arriving at the dugout for the first time, teams are to disinfect hard surface areas.
- We recommend that Coaches wear face coverings at all times and players them whenever they are not playing.
- We recommend that when a player is on offense (batting) they will sit with their families or spaced 6 feet apart outside of the dugout until they are either on deck or in the hole. Both the on deck batter and player in the hole can be in the dugout or on the field, spaced 6 feet away from coaches and other players.
  - *We would recommend you designate a Bench Coach to manage the batting line up and proper spacing with the players as they prepare to bat*
- We recommend that once a batter is called out and leaves the field of play, they will return to their parents and sit with them until they are to go out into the field to play a position.
- We recommend that up to six (6) people, including Coaches and players can sit in the dugout while team is playing defense.
- We will provide each team one (1) new game balls at the start of the game. These, along with any additional balls you supply to the umpire, should only be used for your team.
  - *We would recommend marking them in some way, so you know they belong to your team.*

- *When you leave the after playing defense, be sure to take your baseballs with you back to the dugout, along with getting them from the umpire.*
- Umpires will maintain as much spacing as possible that will allow them to be safe and be effective in calling the game.
- **No spitting or eating seeds, gum or other similar products.**

### Spectators

- Families will need to sit together and be at a minimum of 6 feet from the next families. This includes seating on the bleachers.
- NO specators or family members will be permitted around or near the dugouts, the field of play or field entrances.
- The Site Mangers will make themsleves visibile to the spectators, they will be wearing a yellow vest. If any fan feels uncomforable with spacing they should contact the Site Manager.
- Spectators should keep their children with them, they should not be running around the park or venues.

### After The Game

- After the game teams may tip their hats to the other team, but then very quickly leave the field. They should clean up their dugout of all trash and other items after the game and wipe down (clean) hard surfaces such as benches, bat racks, etc. Any team meeting should take place outside of the venue.
  - *No high fives or handshakes with the other team.*
- Fans are required to immediately leave the venue when the game is complete. DO NOT congregate.
- Coaches will be provided awards for tournament winners and runner ups in a box. There will be no ceremonies. Any Group photos must have players spaced six (6) feet apart.