



Team NJ Softball Return to Play for the Great State of New Jersey.

Below we have outlined our protocol requiring compliance from participants teams, players, umpires and spectators. We will adhere to all of your states guidelines as well as national mandates and suggestions to keep our softball community and your state healthy from airborne pathogens such as COVID-19. We look forward to bringing the much needed support to the local economy in these trying times in our nation. If we have omitted any guidelines the state of New Jersey requires, please bring it to our attention and we will add or adjust our Return to Play Protocol.

Thank you,
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Team NJ Softball

- No signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days. If a person has had a documented case of the COVID-19 infection, a doctor's note is needed to clear to participate in training sessions
- All participants should continue to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. Continue prevention measures and sanitizing all equipment
- All softball activities (practices, tryouts, games, etc.) should continue to stagger/space out events to limit interactions between athletes (Minimum 15 minutes)
- Players, Coaches, Umpires and Spectators MUST wear masks when walking to, from or between the playing fields. Masks must be worn on all common paths, walkways and parking lots and when visiting the concession areas and restrooms. Spectators (non-players and coaches) should continue adhere to all social distancing measures. Please be considerate of those around you – masks are for their and your protection.
- Only uniformed players that are listed on the roster and 3 coaches will be allowed on the field per team scheduled.
- Parents and or Spectators will only be allowed in designated areas towards the outfield. No spectators or parents will be allowed in or around the dugouts. Masks must be worn in accordance with current CDC Guidelines and State and or local regulations
- Umpires will have their temperature checked before their first game.
- Picnic tables and bleachers (if possible) will be cordoned off and not used.

- Waivers are required for players and coaches to participate.
- Spectators will need to provide their own personal chair for seating
- Once a team has completed play, they will need to leave the park There will be no lingering to watch or scout other teams.
- Pitching Mound visits will be limited to the pitcher, catcher and coach at the proper social distance.
- No team huddles will be permitted. Social distancing is required at all times except if an injury needs to be attended to.
- No Seed or other products that encourages spiting will be permitted.
- Athletes, coaches, & umpires on the field will use their own equipment and properly sanitize all their equipment after every game. Do not share or touch other participants equipment.
- Coaches should ensure that they and their players maintain adequate social distancing and personal protection in and around the dugouts to include:
 - wearing protective masks when in close proximity to one another and to ensure players utilize the open space around the dugouts whenever possible to avoid congestion in the dugout.
- Dugouts will be sanitized daily using SIMIX Surface Solutions by MAXXCLEAN.
- Individual player may bring food or drink for themselves, but no tailgating, or team meals will be permitted. No communal water cooler allowed.