



## MBSA Baseball/Softball Return to Play Guidelines

### Teams

- Teams are responsible for cleaning all trash from their Team Area, which includes painted off area and dugout.
- Teams should not enter Team Painted Area (blue paint) until the other team completely exits.
- Teams are prohibited from handshakes/high fives
- Recommended to provide hand sanitizer to their athletes.
- **No chewing gum, food, or sunflower seeds allowed in the dugout.**
- All post-game meetings should be held outside of the field area as to provide time for the teams for the next game to enter (social distancing guidelines should be followed).
- No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.
- **Benches and bleachers within Team Painted Area are reserved for players & coaches only. Fans must be along the outfield foul lines or beyond the outfield fences/boundaries 6' apart if outside a family group. Fans must stay out of areas outlined in Red and Blue paint.**

### Athletes/Coaches

- Use of Dugouts for On Deck and In the Hole Batters, PPE mask not required.
- Allowed to wear PPE masks during the game, but not required.
- No team huddles on the field during the game.
- No sharing of equipment (bat, helmet, glove, gear), until sanitization wiping completed.
- All players must have their own water bottles (no sharing).

### Coaches

- If a coach visits the pitcher, all other players to stay at their positions.
- No coaches will be allowed on the field to dispute or argue a call. Coaches must call the umpire to their dugout to discuss while maintaining proper social distancing.

### Pre-Game Meeting

- One coach is allowed from each team and must properly social distance.
- No players allowed at the coaches meeting.
- Umpires do not need to receive a lineup from each team.
- Each team's scorekeeper should exchange line up cards electronically example:
  - Take a photo of your lineup and send it via text to the opposing teams scorekeeper.

## Fans

- Fans will be required to exercise and abide by all social distancing guidelines at all times when on site.
- Fans should bring their own chairs and be seated along the foul lines, and in the outfield beyond any fencing or outfield boundaries. Families can sit together but all others must observe the 6' guideline or wear a mask.
- Fans **will not** be permitted in the areas behind home plate, around the dugouts or in the bleachers. Fans must stay out of areas outlined in Red and Blue paint. They must sit or stand along foul lines or outfield fence/boundaries.
- Spectators shall not enter the park until it is your teams time to play. This will allow the other teams to clear out and open up space for you to get in.
- Once your game has ended, we ask the parents, players, and coaches vacate the premises to avoid large groups of people gathering. Only show up to the fields if your team is scheduled to play.
- Parents, please vacate the area you were sitting at once your game has finished to allow the next teams parents to come in and set up their seats.
- Any individual who is running a temperature, sick, or not feeling well should not attend games.

## Post-Game

- Each team will line up along their respective foul line, then acknowledge the opposing team with a tip of the cap/round of applause then immediately clean and vacate dugout.
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