

Practice protocol

- Coaches and players must adhere to physical six-foot distancing except when the ball is in play.
- Coaches must wear face coverings at all times.
- Athletes must wear face coverings while not actively participating in the field of play.
- No sharing water bottles or sports drinks.
- All equipment must be separated by at least six feet.
- Players are not permitted to share equipment including (but not limited to) bats, helmets, catcher's gear and gloves.
- Practice groups must consist of ten or less, including coaches. Practice groups are allowed to rotate between different spaces as long as they can maintain social distance with other groups.
- Parents, guardians, other family members are not allowed at practice as this would put us over the ten person limit.
- Symptom assessments should be done by players' coaches (self evaluation) before attending any Stoppers events. Players and coaches should stay home if they show any symptoms.
- Players and coaches should wash their hands with soap for at least 20 seconds or utilize hand sanitizer after or between each practice session.

Games and Tournaments

Players

- Must adhere to six foot social distancing in the dugout and off the field of play.
- Must maintain social distance while in the dugout. If social distance of six feet cannot be maintained, players are permitted to be behind the dugout, in the stands, or down the foul line so long as they are safely out of harm's way. Coaches will assist in directing players where they can safely sit or stand.
- Must wear face coverings at all times when not actively participating in the field of play.
- Must not share water or equipment.
- No chewing gum, seeds or spitting.
- No touch rule – No high-fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing teams, coaches, umpires, and spectators.
- Players should wash their hands or utilize hand sanitizer after and/or during games.
- Players and parents should sanitize personal equipment after each game.

Coaches

- Must adhere to six foot social distancing at all times.
- Must maintain social distance while in the dugout.
- Must wear face coverings at all times.
- No chewing gum, seeds or spitting.
- No touch rule: No high-fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing teams, coaches, umpires, and spectators.
- Coaches are to wash their hands or utilize hand sanitizer after and/or during games.
- Coaches are to sanitize personal equipment after each game.
- Coaches are to sanitize baseballs or other team equipment (tees, bow-nets, ext.) after each game.
- Coaches should hold team meetings virtually whenever possible.
- Coaches must ensure that players are following COVID-19 - protocols and preventative measures.
- Coaches are allowed to ask players and/or spectators who are not abiding by the protocols listed by Stoppers or the Tournament/Games organizers to leave the field or game.

Spectators

- Must adhere to six foot social distancing guidelines.
- Face coverings are recommended for all spectators.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring own chairs or seating.

- Must abide by each tournament company or organizer's specific rules regarding social distance and spectators.
- Must maintain social distance of at least six feet from other spectators of other households.
- No chewing gum, seeds or spitting.
- No touch rule: No high-fives, and other physical contact with other spectators, players or coaches.
- Spectators should not congregate in common areas or parking lots during or following games.
- Spectators may be asked to leave the field or game by coach, game or tournament organizers if spectator protocols are not followed.