



VHAC Baseball/Softball Return to Play Guidelines

Entry/Exit at VHAC

- Entry to the all fields (1-4) will be between fields 2 & 3. Please use the main walkway between fields 2 and 3 to get to your field. This is the ONLY entrance option at the facility.
- There are two options for exiting the facility. Please use one of these two options ONLY.
 - Please exit between fields 3 & 4 and continue around the outfield of field 3 to the parking lot.
 - Please exit between fields 1 & 2 and continue around the outfield of field 2 to the parking lot.

Teams

- Teams are responsible for cleaning all trash from their dugout after each game.
- Teams should not enter the dugout until the other team completely exits.
- Teams are prohibited from handshakes/high fives (air high fives are recommended).
- No chewing gum, food, or sunflower seeds allowed in the dugout or on the bleachers.
- 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).
- Benches and bleachers designated for dugout use are reserved for players & coaches only. Fans must be located along the outfield foul lines or beyond the outfield fences/boundaries, 6 feet apart if outside a family group.

Players/Coaches

- If a team chooses to keep their players/coaches in the dugout during the game, PPE masks must be worn in the dugout unless a medical exception exists. If you choose not to wear masks, then players/coaches must social distance between the dugout and bleachers apart without a PPE mask.
- Players/coaches are allowed to wear PPE masks during the game, but not required.
- All players and coaches are required to wear a mask to and from the field and in all common areas of the facility.
- No team huddles on the field during the game.
- All players must have their own water bottles (no sharing).
- Players should bring their own hand sanitizer (none will be provided).
- Batting Cages: Players/coaches are required to wear a mask when walking to and from the batting cages.
 - Masks are to remain on unless you are inside the cage.

Pre-Game Meeting

- One coach is allowed from each team and must properly social distance.
- Each team's scorekeeper/coach should exchange line up cards electronically (text/email).

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-foot guideline or wear a mask.

Fans (continued)

- Fans will not be permitted in the areas directly behind home plate or close to the dugout. Designated fan seating areas have been marked. Fans are prohibited from sitting on any bleachers that have been designated for dugout use. They must sit or stand along foul lines or outfield fence/boundaries.
- Any individual who removes boundary markers or signage will be asked to leave the facility.
- Spectators should not be interacting with players near the dugout (even if they are family members). If a player requires something from a parent or fan, they should walk over to the spectator while wearing a mask. Coaches will be asked to enforce this rule.
- Spectators shall not enter the park until it is their team's 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 to head to their vehicle and wait for players there. Parents are not permitted to wait by the field while their child packs up. This is to avoid large groups of people gathering.
- Any individual who is running a temperature of 100 or higher, sick, or not feeling well should not attend games.
- Please limit the number of fans this year. We recommend no more than 2 spectators per player along the foul lines. Groups of more than two will need to sit in the outfield. There is a limit of 50 fans total per field, 25 per team. Spacing is limited for seating.

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.
- 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).

Umpires

- Umpires will have the choice to ump behind the plate if agreed upon by both home and away head coaches. If not then the Umpire can ump from the field following social distancing guidelines.

