

Wilmette Baseball Return to Play Guidelines

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
- Teams are recommended to provide hand sanitizer to their athletes. (None will be provided)
- No chewing gum, food, or sunflower seeds allowed in the dugout.
- No team water coolers or shared drinking stations

PLAYERS / COACHES

- Must stay home if experiencing symptoms.
- Players/Coaches may sit in dugout as a team during the game, however if they cannot maintain 6 feet of distancing, they MUST wear PPE masks.
- In order to maintain more distance, players/coaches are allowed to spread out down the fence line or go into the bullpens (Roemer) or the stands behind their dugouts (Thornwood, Hibbard, Elam, and Pomona)
- Players and Coaches are allowed to wear PPE masks on the field during the game, but not required.
 - No team huddles on the field during the game.
 - No sharing of equipment (bat, helmet, glove, catchers gear, etc.)
 - All players must have their own water bottles (no sharing).
- No spitting in the presence of other players or coaches
- If feeling sick for any reason during a game, a player/coach should leave the field immediately.

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

- One coach is allowed from each team at the meeting and must properly social distance.
- No players allowed at the coaches meeting.

UMPIRES

- Umpires will call balls and strikes 6 feet behind the pitcher
- Umpires may wear PPE if they desire but are not required to do so unless they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance.

FANS/SPECTATORS

- Any individual who is experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay home.
- Fans should bring their own chairs and be seated in the outfield beyond the fence. (Roemer). Fans at Thornwood, Hibbard, Elam and Pomona should sit down the left and right field lines. Families can sit together but all others must observe the 6' guideline.
- All fans are encouraged to have masks
- Home teams fans are encouraged to sit on Left Field side, Visiting teams fans are encouraged to sit on the Right Field side
- Fans will be required to exercise and abide by all social distancing guidelines at all times while on site.
- Fans **WILL NOT** be permitted in the bleachers at Thornwood, Hibbard, Elam or Pomona. Only players are permitted to social distance in the bleachers at these parks.
- Fans **WILL** be permitted in the bleachers at Roemer Park on the 1st and 3rd baselines, but **MUST** observe social distancing. If an individual or family can't remain 6 feet from others in the bleachers that person or family should find somewhere else to sit.
- Fans **WILL NOT** be permitted to stand, sit or congregate in the areas behind home plate at any Wilmette Field including Roemer.
- Spectators shall not enter the park until it is your team's time to play. This will allow the other teams to clear out and open up space for you to get in.

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).

WEATHER DELAYS

- If the Thor Guard Lightning Detection System goes off at Westmoreland CC (across the street from Roemer), Play should be immediately halted and players and fans should go immediately to their cars until it can be determined safe to come back the field. Players should not all huddle in the dugout during a delay.

- If a delay at Thornwood, Hibbard, Elam or Pomona...players should wait out any delays in their parent's cars.