



## **COVID-19: BSL SAFE-SITE SAFETY RULES AND GUIDELINES**

Per the CDC, Federal and State Authorities, and National Sport organizations to keep our kids, parents, spectators, officials and staff safe, the following modifications have been made to our travel tournament play.

Each head coach will be required to make certain that all of their coaches, players, parents and spectators will also be provided with a copy of these Rules and Guidelines, and that anyone that cannot abide by them will be required to not come to the Brunswick Softball facilities. Coaches are responsible for the compliance of all of their team members, parents and spectators. Any team that does not abide by these Safe-Site Rules and Guidelines will be subject to a game forfeit and/or removal from the league or tournament, without any refund.

As we move forward in these unprecedented times, it is very likely that these Safe-Site Rules and Guidelines will be revised and updated. All such updates will be distributed to each coach in a timely manner.

The Brunswick Softball board cannot stress enough how important it is that everyone cooperate with us and abide by these new procedures. There will be a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY regarding these requirements. All visitors are required to obey all directives from our tournament staff regarding social distancing, face coverings, and facility operating policies. Anyone who refuses to follow these directives will be required to leave the facility. Should they refuse to leave, law enforcement will be called.

### **GENERAL:**

1. Individuals, including coaches, players and families, need to stay home if they have tested positive for or are showing any Covid-19 symptoms.
2. Individuals, including coaches, players and families who have recently had a close contact with a person with Covid-19 should also stay home and monitor their health.
3. Individuals, including coaches, players and families, who are sick or health compromised should also stay home and monitor their health.

4. The Tournament Director will also serve as the Director of Safety and Compliance, and will be on site at all times.
5. Additional signage will be placed at all entrances and throughout the facility about safe and healthy practices, including hand washing and sanitizing, face coverings and social distancing.
6. High touch points will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day.
7. Players, coaches, parents and spectators are encouraged to have their own antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer.
8. Measures to maintain social distancing will be provided, included signage, distance markers, and physical barriers.
9. Should a staff member, event participant or spectator become sick, that person will need to be isolated from all others at the facility, and leave as soon as possible and seek medical advice. Their contact info will be confidentially recorded and reported to the Renss. County Health Department.

#### **FACE COVERINGS:**

1. Per current State Regulations, a face covering shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face covering when in a public place and unable to maintain, or when not maintaining social distance.
2. Face coverings are also required near concession area, bathrooms and whenever 6 ft social distancing cannot be maintained
3. Players are allowed to wear face coverings during a game.
4. It is recommended coaches wear face coverings.

#### **CLEANING, DISINFECTING AND HAND SANITIZERS:**

1. All high contact surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized multiple times throughout the day.
2. Dugout areas will be closed during tournament play, teams are required to bring their own chairs for each player and tents to provide shade. Team should maintain social distancing while in the bench area. After your game teams should exit the dugout area in a timely manner please make sure that the dugout area is left clean. When entering the dugout area make sure the prior team has fully exited.
3. Hand sanitizers will be available at multiple locations throughout the facility

### **TEAM BENCH AREA AND DUGOUTS:**

1. The team bench and backstop areas will be sectioned off and have signage indicating that these areas are ONLY for uniformed team players participating in that particular game, and up to four (4) coaches and one (1) adult scorekeeper.
2. Coaches and players are welcome to and encouraged to bring their own chairs so as to further allow player separation and 6 ft social distancing
3. When departing their bench area after every game, teams are to COMPLETELY empty their dugout and leave nothing behind that others would have to handle to clean or discard.
4. It is recommended that each player and coach have their own hand sanitizer with them, and that they regularly use this before, during and after each game.
5. It is recommended that a designated adult coach be assigned by each team to be responsible for picking up the bat after it is used. This person should wear gloves and wipe down the bats after each use.
6. NO SPITTING. Additionally sunflower seeds and gum will not be permitted, as both seeds and gum encourage spitting. Spitting will result in automatic removal from the game.

### **PARENTS AND SPECTATORS AREAS:**

1. There will be no bleachers provided on any of our fields; all participants and spectators will need to bring their own personal chairs for seating.
2. Parents and spectators are to maintain 6ft social distancing. Face coverings are to be used whenever 6ft social distancing cannot be maintained.
3. Parents and spectators will NOT be allowed in the areas of team benches, dugouts or backstops.
4. Spectators and parents will be allowed beyond 1st and 3rd base line, and around and beyond the outfield fence.

### **GAME MANAGEMENT:**

1. Game times will be staggered as much as possible in order to assist in maintaining social distancing during game changeovers, in parking areas, bathrooms and concession area.

2. Team personnel will be limited to uniform team players participating in that particular game, and up to four (4) coaches and one (1) adult scorekeeper
3. Game meetings with game officials are to include only one coach from each team and the game officials, maintaining 6ft social distancing.
4. There can be no handshakes, high-fives or fist pumps before or after the games.
5. NO coaches will be allowed on the field to dispute a call. Coaches may call the official to their team bench area for certain questions, while remaining 6 ft away.
6. Staff and /or umpires will warn coaches if the team is not abiding by these rules and regulations. Teams will receive a maximum of two (2) warnings. If the third infraction occurs, the game will end and a game forfeit will be recorded.
7. Mound visits may involve only the catcher and/or the manager, and social distance will be maintained.
8. Umpiring will possibly be done from behind the pitching mound, with at least a 6ft spacing.
9. Lineup cards are still under consideration.

**OFF FIELD RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Teams will be allowed 20 minutes to warm up on field they are playing on
2. Batting cage will be closed
3. Baseball field is prohibited for any use

ANY INSTANCES NOT LISTED ABOVE WILL BE LEFT UP OUR SITE DIRECTOR OR UIC. ALL TEAMS AND COACHES MUST ADHERE TO THESE RULES FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE INVOLVED. ALL COACHES WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PLAYERS AND PARENTS. PLEASE KEEP ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK OR HEALTH COMPROMISED AT HOME. IF A TEAM, OR THEIR PARENTS/SPECTATORS IS FOUND TO BE VIOLATING THESE RULES YOUR TEAM MAY RECEIVE A GAME FORFEIT, OR BE REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT OR LEAGUE.