



YOUTH SOFTBALL COVID-19 RULE ADAPTATIONS

AS ADAPTED BY THE NORTH TONAWANDA DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH, RECREATION & PARKS



CITY OF North Tonawanda

PEOPLE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT RULES

- All participants, spectators, and employees must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the facility/course.
- Coaches and umpires will be required to wear face masks at all times while at practice or during games.
 - Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings and disposable masks that cover both the mouth and nose.
- Field markings or athletic cones will be used during practice drills to ensure safe social distancing between players at all times
- Bleachers will not be available for spectator use.
- Spectators will be asked to bring their own chair if they plan to sit to enjoy the game.
- Proper markings will be in place to assist in proper facilitation of maintaining 6 feet of physical distance between individuals/families/ or households.
- Face masks must be worn by all when in common areas or when safe social distancing is not possible.
- Currently, bathroom facilities will not be available at the fields.
- Athletes will be required to sit in designated areas while not on the field in accordance to safe social distancing practices. These areas will be marked accordingly by Recreation staff.
- Participants should bring their own equipment when possible. (Glove, helmet and bat) in order to prevent sharing of such equipment during practices and games.
- Equipment that cannot be obtained by the individual participant will be provided by the North Tonawanda Dept. of Youth, Recreation & Parks.
- Whenever equipment is required to be shared by participants, sanitizing, by staff members, will take place in between uses

MINIMUM NYS STANDARDS

- Responsible Parties should modify layouts so that individuals are at least six feet apart in all directions, to the greatest extent possible, particularly during field exercises, drills, and other practice activities.
- Responsible Parties must ensure that employees use face coverings when interacting with patrons/players/ spectators, regardless of physical distance.
 - Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings and disposable masks that cover both the mouth and nose.
- Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household.
- For spectators, the following additional safety measures apply:
 - For sports events (e.g. games), Responsible Parties must limit spectators to two spectators per player.
 - Responsible Parties must ensure spectators maintain six feet of physical distance between individuals and/or family/household units at all times and all spectators must wear face coverings when they are in common areas and situations where six feet of distancing is not able to be maintained, so long as they are over the age of two and medically able to tolerate such covering.
- Responsible Parties may facilitate appropriate distancing through the use of markings on the ground or seating areas, and other signage.
- Responsible Parties must ensure that, among all spectators, no individual group exceeds the gathering limit that is currently in place for the region.
- Responsible Parties may facilitate appropriate gathering size through the use of signage and/or staff to ensure groups are aware of and adhere to guidelines
- For sports and recreation activities that may involve group interaction:
 - Responsible Parties should discourage sharing of equipment among patrons/players, unless it is able to be cleaned and disinfected between use.
 - Responsible Parties should discourage employees and patrons/players/spectators from hand-to-hand contact, unless it is part of the sport or recreational activity (e.g., handshakes, high-fives, fist bumps, hugs).

PREVENTION**RECREATION DEPARTMENT RULES**

- All employees will wear a face mask while on duty.
- The Department of Youth, Recreation & Parks will provide their staff with the required PPE including but not limited to facemasks, hand sanitizer and gloves.
- Recreation staff will be permitted to wear their own personal facemask that they procured themselves.
- A supply of PPE will be kept on premises for use by staff if and when necessary.
- Each staff member will be provided with their own hand sanitizing spray and will be encouraged to spray often and especially before handling any athletic equipment.
- Equipment will be constantly wiped down, sanitized or disinfected after use and especially if equipment is to be shared.
- Players must bring their own water bottles and gloves. When possible, we are encouraging players to use their own helmets and/or bats. If individuals cannot supply their own bat and/or helmet we will be doing our best to assign each player their own that will only be used by them.

MINIMUM NYS STANDARDS

- Responsible Parties must ensure individuals not participating in sports or recreation activities (e.g. coaches, spectators) wear appropriate face coverings when they are within less than six feet of other individuals, unless a physical barrier is present.

Additionally, employees must wear face coverings any time they interact with patrons/players/spectators, regardless of physical distance.
- In addition to the necessary PPE as required for certain workplace activities, Responsible Parties must procure, fashion, or otherwise obtain acceptable face coverings, and provide such coverings to their employees while at work at no cost to the employee.
- Responsible Parties should have an adequate supply of face coverings, masks and other required PPE on hand should an employee need a replacement. Acceptable face coverings include, but are not limited to, cloth (e.g. homemade sewn, quick cut, bandana), surgical masks, N95 respirators, and face shields.
- For activities involving the handling of shared objects (e.g. payment devices), areas (e.g. pick-up area), and/or surfaces (e.g. doors), Responsible Parties must ensure that such areas and objects are cleaned and disinfected daily, at a minimum.

PROCESS**RECREATION DEPARTMENT RULES**

- Staff have been mandated to report to their supervisor if any of the following occur:
 - knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
 - tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days; and/or
 - has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- While we cannot require that players notify us if they have:
 - knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
 - tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days; and/or
 - has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

We do ask that players be removed from play by their parents should exposure, symptoms or diagnosis occur.

MINIMUM NYS STANDARDS

- Responsible Parties must implement mandatory daily health screening practices for employees and, where practicable, vendors, but such screenings shall not be mandated for delivery personnel or patrons/players/spectators. Responsible Parties are encouraged to offer optional health screenings for patrons/players/spectators.
- At a minimum, screening should be required of all employees and completed using a questionnaire that determines whether the employee has:
 - knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
 - tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days; and/or
 - has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

The North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation & Parks would like to thank you in advance for your due diligence in assisting us in providing a fun, safe environment this summer. As always we appreciate your patronage and support