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Milwaukee Recreation Adult Sports Leagues: Safety Protocol

DISCLAIMER: Participants, parents, family, and spectators engaging in or watching playfield recreational activities do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.

This protocol is to establish rules for Milwaukee Recreation Adult Sports softball and kickball leagues during the Covid-19 Virus pandemic. These are NOT optional guidelines, rather, they are mandated rules that must be followed by all participants and spectators. Individuals not following these rules may be removed from the park and/or dismissed from the league. The health and safety of participants, staff, and community is our top priority.

General Safety:

1. Participants who have symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, or shortness of breath) should stay home. Sick participants should follow [CDC-recommended steps](#). Participants should not resume playing until the criteria to discontinue home isolation are met, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments.
2. Participants who are well but who have a sick family member at home with COVID-19 should follow [CDC recommended precautions](#).
3. Participants who appear to have symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, or shortness of breath) upon arrival or who become sick during their game should immediately separate themselves from others, go home, and contact their healthcare provider.
4. If a participant is confirmed to have COVID-19 infection, the participant or family should notify the team manager and Recreation Supervisors, Megan Frey (Megan@mkerec.net) and Brandon Sweet (Brandon@mkerec.net).
5. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
6. All participants are required to bring their own hand sanitizer which should be used frequently throughout the game, as well as during pregame and postgame.
7. Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
8. Masks or face coverings ARE a requirement when 6 feet of distance is not possible.
9. Bleachers are off limits. Spectators should bring their own chairs and should space out at least 6 feet apart.



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10. Water fountains are not available. Participants must bring their own water or sports beverage with their name clearly marked on the bottle/container.
11. Restrooms are available but only one person is allowed in the restroom at a time. Lines for restrooms should form using the 6-foot rule. Masks or face coverings are required before entering and when inside the restrooms. Signage is posted with rules for restroom usage. Restrooms will be sanitized by Milwaukee Recreation staff every hour.
12. Port-o-lets will be available at select sites and will be equipped with hand sanitizer.

Pregame & Postgame:

1. Teams warming up should maintain at least 6 feet of distance from everyone around them.
2. Avoid close conversations, close interactions, and all forms of physical contact at all times.
3. Masks or face coverings ARE a requirement when 6 feet of distance is not possible.
4. No close congregating before or after games by players, managers or officials is permitted.
5. For Softball Leagues, traditional bat testing will occur the first night of play for each league. CDC Guidelines will be followed at all times. Before a bat is tested, it will be sanitized by Milwaukee Recreation staff using a disinfectant wipe. Please arrive early and expect longer than normal wait times for bat testing.

Game Time:

1. Usage of team benches is limited to registered players on each team only.
2. Masks or face coverings ARE mandatory for the following players:
 - All Players in the team bench/dug out.
 - 1st Base & 3rd Base Coaches
 - Player in the catcher position
3. All umpires and/or officials ARE required to wear a mask or face covering during the game.
4. The umpire must position himself behind or to the side of the catcher keeping the 6-foot distance from the catcher and batter whenever possible.
5. To reduce the number of people touching the sign-in sheet and pencil, the sign-in sheet should be completed by the manager and handed to the umpire. The manager should sanitize his/her hands before receiving the sign-in sheet and pencil.
6. Ground rules will occur before the game, limited to the umpire/official and ONE team manager from each team. Umpires and team managers are required to wear a mask or face covering and maintain 6-foot distance for ground rules.



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7. Each team should provide their own game ball. Each team should use their ball **ONLY** when they are in the field. For example, when team A is up to bat and team B is in the field, team B will provide the ball for play. All game balls should be sanitized by the team before the game.
8. Teams are required to sanitize their ball after the completion of each inning. Disinfectant wipes will be provided and the container must remain at the bench for the entire night of play.
9. Equipment and personal items must have proper sanitation and must **NOT** be shared. Do not share towels or facial coverings. Do not share water bottles or other drinks. Do not share food or snacks.
10. Handshakes, high fives, and any other forms of intentional contact are prohibited.
11. Huddles and player gatherings are prohibited.
12. Avoid close conversations, close interactions, and all forms of physical contact at all times.