

Columbia Parks and Recreation – COVID-19 Return To Play Guidelines

All Sports Preparing to Play:

- *All athletes and spectators should have no flu-like symptoms within the previous 72 hours including:*
 - *Temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater*
 - *Shortness of breath*
 - *Chills*
 - *Sore throat*
 - *New loss of taste or smell*
 - *Unexplained muscle pain*
 - *Feeling of unexplained fatigue*
- *All athletes and spectators should have not been in direct contact with a known case of COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.*
- *It is recommended that one should not attend if considered high risk, or living in close quarters to someone having a high risk profile.*
- *If you need to sneeze or cough, please do so into a tissue or upper sleeve (not hands).*
- *All athletes should bring their own water bottles. There should be no sharing of water bottles, team water coolers, or team snacks.*
- *All players should wipe down and disinfect all equipment before arriving at the facility.*
- *Only immediate family members of athletes may attend the event as spectators.*
- *Teams must only enter the facility at their allotted time. Games will be scheduled to accommodate for social distancing between teams as well as field/court sanitation.*
- *Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs for sitting during games or may stand and should always keep 6ft distance between each other except family members living in the same household. If using bleachers, fans are encouraged to clean an area before sitting.*
- *Lines around restrooms, concession stands or otherwise throughout the event are discouraged, but if necessary, please maintain a distance of 6 feet at all times.*
- *Tailgating and other similar gatherings are discouraged. Fans, coaches and players are encouraged to leave the facility (parking lot included) immediately upon completion of the game. Fans should not enter the facility before scheduled game time.*
- *Personal protective equipment is not required but is encouraged.*

Baseball/Softball/Kickball During Play:

- *Social distancing protocol should always be followed by keeping a distance of at least 6 feet between individuals.*
- *Players, coaches and fans are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer and antibacterial wipes for disinfecting hands and equipment regularly.*
- *There should be no hand shaking, high fiving, or fist bumping at any time.*
- *Avoid touching your face during the game.*
- *Pregame meetings at home plate should be limited to one coach from each team, plus umpire. Coaches and umpires should keep 6 ft distance between each other while meeting.*
- *Baseballs/softballs should be sanitized after each half inning.*
- *Dugouts should be sanitized before and after each game.*
- *Players should always keep 6ft distance between each other while in dugouts. If the dugout is full due to spacing, additional players should be outside of the dugout and fencing.*
- *Players should keep their equipment down the 1st & 3rd base line fences, 6 feet apart.*

- *Each player is recommended to use his or her own bat and helmet. Any shared bat or helmet should be sanitized after each use.*
- *No leading off any base. Players must remain on base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand (Recreational Youth Baseball/Softball) or crosses home plate (Adult Softball).*
- *No stealing allowed. Players can only advance on ball/bat contact. (Recreational Youth Baseball/Softball & Adult Softball)*
- *Umpires will be stationed behind the pitcher instead of behind home plate (Recreational Youth Baseball & Softball).*
- *Umpires will be stationed behind home plate but off to the side maintaining 6 feet between self and catcher and hitter (Adult Softball).*

Adult Volleyball During Play:

- *Social distancing protocol should always be followed by keeping a distance of at least 6 feet between individuals other than immediate family members.*
- *Players, coaches and fans are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer and antibacterial wipes for disinfecting hands and equipment regularly.*
- *There must be no hand shaking, high fiving, or fist bumping at any time.*
- *Avoid touching your face during the game.*
- *Volleyballs should be sanitized after each game.*
- *Teams will stay on one side of the court for each game. There will be no switching sides.*

All Sports Following Play:

- *Teams should leave the facility immediately following the game. Games will be scheduled to accommodate for social distancing between teams as well as field/court sanitation.*
- *Baseball/Softball/Kickball teams should sanitize dugouts before and after each game.*
- *Volleyball officials will sanitize the net between games.*
- *All athletes should wash hands with soap or use hand sanitizer immediately following each game.*
- *No extra-curricular or social activity should take place. No congregating in the parking lot after the game.*

All organizations hosting a tournament at a Columbia Parks and Recreation facility in which patrons will be traveling from outside Columbia will be required to turn in a social distancing guideline proposal for approval before the tournament is allowed.