



Back to the Ballpark Recommendations

Caledonia Recreation Department

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Team Recommendations

Field Recommendations

As to all applicable persons, people should be instructed that if they are exhibiting symptoms of possible exposure to COVID-19, such as fever, that they should not come to events or work until such time as the participant has been tested and/or cleared.

- **Teams**
 - Should not enter dugout until the other team exits and complex staff has sanitized.
 - Recommended to provide their own water. (None will be provided)
 - Recommended to provide hand sanitizer to their athletes. (None will be provided)
 - Bats must be outside dugout prior to the game for inspection.
 - It is recommended that a designated adult be assigned by the offensive team, to be responsible for picking up the bat after it is used. This person should wear disposable gloves and wipe down the bats after each use.
 - Prohibited from pre-game & post-game handshakes/high fives.
 - Teams may line up on their respective foul lines and wave.
- **Athletes**
 - Allowed to wear masks during game, but not required.
 - Recommended to wear masks in between games.
 - No huddles. Players that gather at the circle should stay outside the circle maintaining social distancing.
 - No sharing of equipment (bat, helmet, etc.)
- **Coaches**
 - Always recommended to wear masks, but not required.
 - Coaches should stay outside the width of the batter's box at the Home plate conference.
 - Only one coach allowed during the conference.
 - If coaches visit the pitcher, all other players should stay outside the pitching circle.
- **Coaches meeting**
 - One coach from each team and must stay 6 feet apart. Suggested to be the top outside corner of each batter's box when available.
 - Hand lineups to the umpire, and umpire verbally approve or asks any questions about the lineup.
 - No athletes allowed.
- Multiple balls will be in use during games and should be switched out every inning for sanitizing.
 - Balls should be supplied still in wrappers or box and use new balls each game.
 - If used balls to be used as a backup, a wipe down before going into game play would be appropriate.

Warm-up Recommendations

- Warm-ups should only take place beyond the fence away from spectators.
- Teams waiting for games are encouraged to follow 6 feet social distancing guidelines.
- Teams should not enter the dugout until the other team exits and complex staff has sanitized.

Dugout Recommendations

- Teams should not enter dugout until the other team exits and complex staff has sanitized.
- The number of participants in the dugout is dependent on the size of dugout but must maintain 6 feet social distance.
- Teams should use the bleachers as their respective dugouts.
- No spectators allowed in the bleachers.

Off-Field Recommendations

- Employees, vendors, fans and vendors are recommended to screen themselves at home prior to coming to the ballpark. If they have a temperature exceeding 100.4, they should be asked to stay home. They should also not come to the ballpark if they are known to have been recently exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- **Spectators***
 - Always recommended to wear masks.
 - Encouraged to follow 6 feet social distancing guidelines.
 - Recommended to use hand sanitizer upon entering the facility.
 - Encouraged to bring their own sanitizing wipes for restroom/personal cleanliness.
 - Recommended to bring lawn chairs as the bleachers will be used as team dugouts.

***All activities are still under state rules, regulations and Executive Orders**
- **Parents**
 - Proactively monitor their own and anyone in their household's health status. If anyone is not feeling well in family or has a temperature exceeding 100.4, they should reconsider attending the event.
 - Parents should consider limiting the number of family members who attend an event.
 - Responsible for water/sports drinks for their athletes in bottled format and making sure they are clearly marked/ identified.
 - Maintain 6 feet social distancing measures when entering, during games and leaving the venue.
 - Recommend that all parents bring sanitizing wipes, sanitizer, and face masks.
- **Athletes/Coaches**
 - Always recommended to wear masks in between games.
 - Encouraged to follow 6 feet social distancing guidelines.

Umpires Mechanic Recommendations

Field Recommendations

- **Umpires**
 - Should be allowed to wear gloves if they wish.
 - Should be allowed to wear a mask if they wish.
 - Recommended to provide their own hand sanitizer.
 - Will still check equipment before a game.
 - Bats must be outside dugout.
- **Mechanics**
 - **Coach Pitch/Baseball/Fast-Pitch**
 - Base Umpire will start in the 2nd base slot.
 - Plate Umpire will be behind the pitcher's mound keeping 6' distance
 - **All Games:**
 - Prior to start of game:
 - Umpires allowed to wear gloves and mask if they desire.
 - Umpires will still check equipment before a game.
 - Bats must be outside dugout.
 - Umpire may wear disposable gloves if they wish.
 - Coaches meeting: 1 coach allowed for each team and must stay 6 feet apart. Suggested to be the top outside corner of each batter's box when available. Hand lineups to umpire, and umpire verbally approves or asks any questions about the lineup.
 - During the Game:
 - Use of verbal exchange from safe distance when making lineup changes from the Coach to scorer and opposing team.
 - Umpire will maintain 6 feet from any player as a starting position when rotated and/or counter rotated.
 - Umpires do not handle equipment on the field during play.
 - Umpire to umpire and coach to umpire interaction must be 6 feet apart.
 - Make sure catcher is 6 feet from the plate when needing to dust of the plate.
 - Huddles off the field with Coaches and players need to maintain 6 feet social distancing.

Off-Field Recommendations

- **Umpires**
 - Always recommended to wear masks in between games.
 - Encouraged to follow 6 feet social distancing guidelines.
 - Umpires should bring a disinfecting spray to spray their uniform and or gear after each game.

