

Foxboro Youth Baseball and Softball Association
Safety Guidelines for Game Play and Practices
July 8, 2020

Foxboro Youth Baseball and Softball Association developed these guidelines for the safety of our players, coaches, umpires and spectators. It is imperative that all players, coaches and others adhere to these guidelines. These guidelines may change based on additional state or town guidance.

Parent Responsibilities

We are dedicated to helping your children come back to the playing field in a safe manner. While we are confident your child can have a good experience this summer, we ask for you to assist us in the following ways.

Parents must:

- remind their children of the importance of social distancing and wearing masks when social distancing is not possible
- send their children to games with masks
- send their children to games and practices with their own water bottle
- not allow their children to bring sunflower seeds and gum to games and practices
- not send their children to games or practices when he/she has a fever or is ill
- social distance at games and practices (wear a mask if you can't social distance)
- make sure their children wash their hands or use hand sanitizer immediately after games and practice
- ensure their children have their own bat and helmet, since players can't share these items.
 - FYBSA may be able to provide your child with a helmet to use for the season. Please contact your child's coach with questions about bats and helmets.
- stay away from dugouts, backstops, bleachers and any area that creates crowding
 - Bleachers cannot be used during games.
 - We suggest setting up your chair/area at least 15-20 feet from another family and not in a high traffic area if possible (e.g. right field corner at Booth 2 by fence opening).
 - We are requesting that you limit spectators to 2 family members per player (not including minors) to help limit the crowds at the Booth.
- not send their children to the Booth fields when they don't have a game or activity to watch their friends play

Practices

- Players cannot share gloves, bats, helmets or catchers gear.
- Players and coaches will practice social distancing (at least 6 feet from each other).
- Coaches will wear masks unless a medical condition makes it dangerous for him/her to wear the mask.
- Players should bring masks for team discussions. If Players are unable to wear a mask, they should separate from other players in the bench area.

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- No dugouts will be used during practice. Players will leave equipment bags and water bottles along the fence (or some place outside the field of play) with items separated by at least six feet.
- No scrimmages may take place during Phase 2
- Coaches must separate players into groups of 10 or less (including and keep the groups separated during the practice (at least 20 feet apart).
- Coaches should avoid running drills that may cause players to come in close contact with each other during Phase 2. This will be reassessed for Phase 3.
- There will be no trash barrels in the dugout. Players and coaches are responsible for removing their own trash.

Games

Players, Coaches and umpires cannot come to games if they have a fever or are feeling ill.

Equipment and Baseballs/Softballs

- Players will not share bats, helmets and catchers gear during games.
- Coaches will hold spare baseballs and softballs, not the umpire
- If a ball goes out of play, it must be retrieved by a player or coach.
- Each team will have their own baseballs or softballs to use while the team is on defense. If the teams do not have their own baseballs or softballs, the coaches will sanitize the balls between innings.

Umpires and Coaches

- Coaches and umpires will wear masks (unless a medical condition makes it difficult for him/her to wear a mask) and practice social distancing.
- There will be no coaches/umpire meeting at home plate to discuss rules.
- Home plate umpires will position themselves behind the pitcher to call balls and strikes.

Bench Areas

- Dugouts will not be in use during games. Players will stay in an expanded bench area between innings
- Players should wear masks in the bench area but are not required to wear masks on the playing field. If Players are unable to wear a mask, they should separate from other players in the bench area.
- There will be no sunflower seeds or gum allowed. Players must have their own water bottles.
- Some players may not be able to wear a mask in the bench area due to medical conditions. These players must social distance in the bench area.
- There will be no trash barrels in the dugouts. Players and coaches are responsible for removing their own trash. There will be several trash barrels set up around the Booth fields.