

MLL COMPLEX, MARLBORO BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TRAVEL CLUB AND MARLBORO BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL RECREATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES AND PRACTICE POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS DURING COVID-19 (updated for Spring/Summer 2021).

- 1) All players, parents/guardians, spectators and coaches planning on coming to the Marlboro Little League Complex must be screened at their home prior to arriving at the Complex. Such screening should include a temperature check and health questionnaire addressing the presence of any COVID-19 symptoms. If you present with any COVID-19 symptoms, fail the temperature check (a reading in excess of 100.00), have had contact with a person with COVID-19 within the past 10 days or you yourself have COVID-19, **you are PROHIBITED from entering the Complex.** Moreover, by entering the Complex you are agreeing that you have not failed any of the aforementioned COVID-19 screenings, that you will abide by all the policies and protocols listed below, that you understand that you are entering the Complex at your own risk and that you agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Complex, its directors, officers, officials, hired contractors, coaches, managers, other participants and volunteers, including but not limited to the Marlboro Youth Baseball and Softball Association (MYBSA) and all of its related entities, with respect to any and all injury or illness you may incur while at the Complex whether arising from the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.
 - a) If any player, coach, parent/guardian or spectator presents with Covid-19 symptoms during a practice or a game, that individual will be separated immediately and requested to leave the Complex.
- 2) We request there be no more than 2 parents/guardians or spectators per player. **All parents/guardians and spectators must maintain social distancing and if for some reason that is not possible then a mask must be worn.** The stands will be closed, you should bring your own chair. If there is an emergency with a player that player's parent/guardian will be instructed on how to enter the field.
- 3) Games and practices scheduling will attempt to be spaced apart as much as reasonably possible (15 to 30 minutes) so as to allow for the proper spacing of teams leaving and entering the field as well as leaving and entering the complex. Teams and parents/guardians and spectators should not mingle around after the conclusion of a game; please exit orderly and quickly. **Visiting teams (for Travel ball) and Recreational teams cannot arrive earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start time of the game, if anyone shows up before then you will be instructed to remain in your car in the parking lot.**
- 4) Upon arrival and entering the field of play as well as at game conclusion and exiting the field of play, **please practice social distancing at all times.** Parents/guardians and spectators cannot congregate around field exit areas waiting for their player and they must maintain social distancing while waiting to meet and retrieve their player. Upon entering the field, players should space out the hanging of their bags both in the dugout fencing and outside of the dugout fencing to achieve maximum possible spacing. Any bags that are hung outside of the dugout fence are considered "part of the fence" for purposes of game play (these fences are all in foul territory). In order to ensure there is no mistaken sharing of drinks, players can only access their drinks from their bags. It is recommended that players consume their beverages each inning when they come off the field (going to their bag) and before going back out to the field (or when instructed by a coach during a practice).
- 5) Kitchen concessions (at this time) will be limited to pre-packaged items (drinks, chips, pretzels, candy, etc). No open cooked items will be sold until further notice. Also, no seeds are allowed on the complex and no team coolers.
- 6) Both teams will have 3 options in utilizing their respective dugouts: 1) sit all players in the dugout attempting to maintain appropriate social distancing where possible and or utilizing a mask when social distancing is not possible; 2) players can utilize the stands where available practicing social distancing while seated (Note that All Stands/Bleachers are closed to parents/guardians and spectators); 3) bring your own chair and place it down your respective foul line outside the fence (if this is utilized all parents/guardians and spectators will be directed away from those players). Any combination of the three options is permissible.
 - a) Games being played on field A may utilize part of the adjacent parking lot for parents/guardians and spectators; please follow and comply with taped or roped off areas to maintain proper social distancing while watching the game.
 - b) Managers and coaches should avoid going into the dugout as best as possible and should not sit in the dugout at any time when players are in the dugout.

- 7) If possible, it is recommended that double headers be split up (this is mainly applicable to Travel ball) playing one game on the weekend and one game during the week.
- 8) If a field requires maintenance (raking, dragging, drying agent, tarps) that is only to be done by a Marlboro coach or manager.
- 9) The bathrooms adjacent to field A are closed. The bathrooms adjacent to fields D and F will be open and monitored. Constant cleaning of bathrooms during their use is cost prohibitive but a reasonable attempt will be made. **USE OF THESE BATHROOMS IS AT YOUR OWN RISK AND IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU SANITIZE BEFORE ENTERING AND AFTER EXITING AND WEAR A MASK.**
- 10) No sharing of any equipment of any kind. Bats should be spaced out as best as possible in the dugout. If the batter safely reaches a base either that batter/runner calls timeout and retrieves his bat putting it back in his bag or the dugout or a coach retrieves the bat and puts it back in the dugout (if the coach does retrieve it the bat should be held by the barrel, not the handle).
- 11) **It is highly recommended that all umpires wear masks especially those that will be positioned behind the catcher.** The two managers and the umpire when meeting before the game to run through the rules should address umpire positioning and come to a mutual agreement.
- 12) All managers and coaches must wear masks. Masks are optional for players but recommended when sitting in the dugout.
- 13) There will be no handshakes or fist bumps of any kind after the game by the two teams. Teams may tip their hat and offer good wishes to each other at the conclusion of the game. Also, it is highly recommended that any intra-team celebrations during the game or at the end of the game not include bodily contact.
- 14) It is highly recommended that each player have hand sanitizer in their bag that they can use.
- 15) If a game is interrupted due to an unforeseen thunderstorm, all players will be instructed to retrieve their bags and head to their parent/guardian car; if the parent/guardian is not present then a coach will bring the player(s) into the board room maintaining social distance at all times between himself and the players and the players themselves. The kitchens can also be utilized as a last resort.
- 16) It is highly recommended that all player equipment be disinfected and clothes washed after each game.
- 17) If any player or player family member presents with any Covid-19 symptoms at home, including but not limited to, temperature checks prior to practice with a temperature reading of 100.00 or higher, that player must not attend practice and the player parent/guardian must notify the team manager (if it's the team manager or team manager's player or family member then the team manager must notify any member of the Executive Committee of the MYBSA Board of Directors) – "Type 1 Notification". Similarly, if a player or player family member test positive for Covid-19 or if a player or player family member has been in contact with someone who has tested positive with Covid-19, the player parent/guardian must notify the team manager (and if it's the team manager then he must notify any member of the Executive Committee of the MYBSA Board of Directors) – "Type 2 Notification". Upon a Type 2 Notification that was from a positive test, the player and player parent/guardian will not be allowed to return to practice or a game until there is presented a negative Covid-19 test, such tests coming from a state or federal approved testing facility/service and has had a minimum of 14 days quarantine; Upon a Type 2 Notification where there was contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19, a symptom free quarantine of 10 days is required or a negative test and 7 days of symptom free quarantine before returning to a practice or a game. Upon a Type 1 Notification, the player and player parent/guardian will not be allowed to return to practice until a period of 72 hours of symptom free has passed. It is the player parent's/guardian's obligation to report the symptom free requirement to the team manager.
 - a) It is recommended to avoid out of state travel during the baseball and softball season, if that is not possible then you must follow the NJDOH guidelines on quarantine procedures when traveling outside of New Jersey upon returning.
- 18) All players and parents/guardians must sign the Covid-19 Release and Waiver form.
- 19) All Marlboro Travel managers are required to communicate these protocols to their opposing managers.