



Scotia-Glenville Softball League COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

The Scotia-Glenville Softball League is committed to a safe and enjoyable experience for all players, families, coaches, volunteers and spectators. The following safety guidelines made necessary by COVID-19 apply to all league activities. These guidelines are continually monitored and will be updated as needed.

- All players and coaches will be required to sign an Assumption of Risk/COVID-19 waiver form releasing Scotia Glenville Softball League prior to participating in any softball activities each season.
- Players will place their equipment, water bottles, etc. in a designated area with 6-foot spacing in between.
- During breaks, team talks and other times when not actively practicing, all participants will observe 6-foot social distancing.
- Players and coaches will wear face masks at all times, including when practicing and playing games. Players may remove masks for water breaks while observing 6-foot social distancing.
- Coaches will take attendance at all practice and keep a record of attendance in case contact tracing is necessary.
- The league encourages families to limit game/practice spectators to two per player.
- Spectators should ensure distancing of 6 feet between members of different households. Spectators will wear face coverings on the grounds at all times except when eating/drinking, at which time they will be socially distanced from members of other households.
- Home and away teams will sign a family COVID screening sheet prior to each game. The umpire will also sign a safety sheet. These forms will be maintained in concessions.
- Sharing of equipment, food or beverages is not permitted.
- Occupancy in the concession area will be limited to three people.
- Masks and sanitizer will be available in concessions at all times.

- Bathroom occupancy will be limited to one person (with the exception of small children). Sanitizer will be available in concession and regular disinfecting will take place.
- Each team will maintain its own set of equipment (balls, tees, nets, etc.) to avoid sharing among different groups.
- Dugouts will not be used at this time. Designated player areas will be roped off. Dugouts will only be used as an on-deck/batting waiting area by a small number of players.
- Coaches and players must have hand sanitizer with them to use before and after practice. Players will sanitize before practices or games, during water breaks, and after the practice or game. Scotia-Glenville Softball League will ensure that sanitizer is on-site at each practice and/or scrimmage.
- At away contests, Scotia-Glenville teams will observe all health and safety guidelines of the host team, including those related to dugout and bleacher use and limits on spectators. Scotia-Glenville guidelines related to mask-wearing remain in effect at away games.
- The league will communicate the latest New York State travel advisory and any player who has traveled to an area identified by the advisory will notify the coach and observe the requirements related to quarantine and testing. Travel Advisory Information: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>
- If a player or anyone in their family is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, the player will not attend a softball practice or game.
- The families of any players experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should report this to the team coach.
The CDC listed the following symptoms of COVID-19: Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, and Diarrhea. The CDC noted that this list was subject to change.
- Consistent with state DOH guidance, Scotia-Glenville Softball League will refer any individual who reports symptoms of COVID-19 to their healthcare provider for assessment and testing. Players who experience COVID-19 symptoms will be unable to participate until they provide the coach with a signed and dated note from a physician that indicates that they are cleared to participate in softball.
- In the event the league becomes aware of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis of any participant, it will report this information to the New York State Department of Health and Schenectady County Department of Health. The league will provide any information necessary to assist with contact tracing of public health agencies, including providing a list of individuals who had or may have had close contact with the individual during softball activities.
- In the event that there is a positive case within a league participant, defined as a player, coach or volunteer, all state and federal health privacy laws will be observed and no personally identifying information, or *potentially* personally identifying information, will

be shared. Once the individuals determined to be contacts have been notified about the need to quarantine, the entire league will be notified about the positive case and that contact tracing has been completed and individuals who need to quarantine have been notified in a manner directed by Schenectady County Public Health Services..

- **Any parent, player, coach or volunteer is encouraged to report any and all concerns related to league COVID-19 safety practices to the league immediately. All concerns will be reviewed and resolved as soon as possible. Concerns and questions can be directed to League President Matt Leon at 518-429-7644 or League Vice President Jaime Riegel at 518-881-7894.**

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