



Pitch & Hit Events, LLC

Field Use Policy; Additional Venue Specific and/or additional CDC requirements may be attached to this document as necessary.

Event Requirements

- Signs will be posted conspicuously to insure all in attendance are aware of these requirements.
- These requirements will be shared prior to the event with all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and employees prior to their arrival at the venue to ensure compliance.
- Unless noted herein, all participants, spectators, and employees must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the venue.
- Digital check-in and registration for all events.
- Hand Sanitizer stations will be provided near both dugouts.
- Any bathrooms and concession stand operated by the venue itself, if open, must follow New York state requirements.
- No concession stands or sales of event apparel will be performed during the event by the event or event staff itself. Any event sales must be completed online and distributed to coaches prior to the start of the event.
- Schedules will be staggered, spread out and game times reduced to reduce the risk of teams arriving while previous games are in progress. In the rare instance where a team arrives and the field is not clear, arriving team must take social distancing into account when finding an area to warm up. Areas immediately adjacent to the game fields cannot be used by anyone other than the teams playing on the field. Where a designated area is not possible, teams must wait in their cars (not congregate in the parking lot) until the prior teams have exited the field area.
- Teams are required to thoroughly clean their dugout of all trash and other items after each game.
- On site staff, participants and spectators must wear face coverings at all times except as noted here within.
- A digital waiver form with the appropriate release, discharge, and covenants with the addition of an infectious diseases disclosure as well as protecting the event, sponsors and lessors and providers of facilities is required to be electronically signed in advance by all participants and will be stored for 3 years.
- A digital record of all participants for potential contact tracking will be maintained for 3 years.
- On site staff will ensure event, spectator and participant requirements are being followed and proper sanitation before, during and after the event is performed.

Athlete Requirements

- Athletes are strongly encouraged to travel to the venue only with members of their immediate household.
- Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices off the field of play.
- Must wear face coverings at all times when not actively participating in a physical activity.
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Must not share water or equipment. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner or immediate family member including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, hats, and other on- and off-field gear.
- Athletes should bring individual water containers.
- No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans.
- No spitting or eating seeds, gum, other similar products.

- No hands to the mouth or blowing on hands.
- Players are responsible for picking up their own bats from the playing field. Where, due to safety issues, someone else needs to retrieve it (coach/umpire/on deck batter), do not pick up by the bat handle.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing after each defensive inning, in the absence of soap and water, are strongly recommended for athletes during the games.

Game Requirements

- Lineups should be entered online or by spoken word and recorded by coaches and umpires without exchanging any physical documents with umpires, coaches or players.
- No team water coolers, shared drinking stations or team snacks.
- Compliant game balls will be provided and designated to each team for use while that team is playing defense.
- Teams are required to sanitize team defensive balls while on offense.
- No full field warmups. Where time permits teams may use the outfield and foul area on their side of the field to stretch or play catch, with social distancing enforced. Center field and infield are not to be used during warmups.
- Where 6-foot distancing is not possible, dugouts are restricted to official team coaches and upcoming batters only. Remaining team is spread out behind the dugout or down the line toward the backstop as dictated by venue layout. This extended area of the dugout as well as the dugout itself is reserved for players and official coaches only.
- No spectators, siblings, bat boys/girls, etc. in the dugout or extended dugout area.
- On smaller fields, only one umpire stationed 6 feet behind the pitcher will be used.
- On larger fields (ages 13 and up), where more space is allowed, two umpires maintaining social distancing, while still being able to perform their responsibilities, will be used.

Spectator Requirements

- No more than 2 spectators per participant/coach.
- Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices for anyone not living in the same household.
- Recommended face covering to be worn once seated with social distancing. Face covering required once leaving socially distance seating area (going to bathroom, parking lot, etc.)
- Bleachers will be closed. Spectators will be required to provide their own chair.
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Must not enter player areas (on the field of play or designated bench areas).
- Must keep six-feet or more distance from active play area and dugouts.
- Spectators must stay in their respective seating areas only. Children playing tag, catch, etc. to occupy themselves during the game is prohibited.
- No team snacks to be provided.
- Where possible by venue layout – spectators are required to stay on their teams designated side of the field.
- Protect those who are especially vulnerable by keeping them at home.

Coaches Requirements

- Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.

- Unless specifically involved in physical activity, must wear face coverings.
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- No spitting or eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.
- No touch rule – coaches should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans.
- Must ensure that players are following COVID-19 -related prevention measures and sanitation requirements included herein.
- Must ensure the players and spectators are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas and wearing face coverings while not actively participating on the field of play.

Umpires Requirements

- Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Unless specifically involved in physical activity, must wear face coverings.
- Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.
- Umpires should allow adequate distance from fielders while still able to perform their duty.
- Grounds rules – umpires and one coach per team – socially distant. No captains or additional participants.
- Foul balls must be sanitized by the defensive team before returning to play.

Leaving the Venue Requirements

- Must leave the venue as quickly as possible at completion of game. Post-game talks limited to two minutes or less. Dugout must be cleaned and vacated within 5 minutes.
- No handshakes line. Use tip of the hat from your side of the field instead.
- Individuals must not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the game.
- Individuals should not exchange items (pins, etc.).
- Individuals are not allowed to be at the venue during times where their assigned team is not actually playing.
- Team meetings should occur virtually or over the phone rather than in a team huddle.
- Individuals are strongly recommended to travel only with a member(s) of their immediate household.