

## Field of Dreams Baseball and Softball Update for May 14, 2020

Field of Dreams Coaches/Families,

Over the past week we have developed what we hope is our final go forward plan to play ball this summer. We intend to initiate league play the week of June 15 and will run through July 28<sup>th</sup>. Schedules will be posted once we get the final numbers on teams here and approval it's all clear and safe to play ball here at the Field of Dreams.

The information below provides a detailed return to play and distancing guidelines as we begin to reopen. Please read the plan and guidelines closely and begin to consider how you'll adjust as a coach or parent. We will revise these guidelines and timeline if necessary, but sincerely hope this is the final version of your schedule for the season. Thank you for your patience with the adjustments we have had to make to keep your 2020 league season intact and your return to the park a safe one.

### **Plan Overview**

On May 14, 2020, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly has revised the Phase 2 plan to Phase 1.5 which will not allow us to start practicing until June 1 and games on June 15..

Please understand that if things change we will go by new guidelines that are issued by the State of KS or Leavenworth County.

Through these unprecedented and difficult times, Field of Dreams has maintained its commitment to its members and staff to adhere to local, state, and national guidelines, as we consider reopening the park for play. With that, we intend on reopening the park for league practices only to our members the week of June 1 in adherence to the State of Kansas and Leavenworth county collective guidance. These practices will be free of charge to our member league teams. 5:30 or 7:00 PM M-F. those two weeks. Restrooms will not be open at this time for practices.

We believe giving our league teams an additional two weeks of practice time at the park from when we could play will help our coaches and kids get caught up and ready for games starting June 15 and run thru July 28 We will play 10 to 12 games in that period. Your league schedules will allow 15 or so extra minutes between games to give teams and fans extra time to enter/exit the parks at a distance. By delaying game play until June 15 we also want to give our own staff time to acclimate to the new processes and procedures in the park to ensure we serve you safely at every point in the park.

The experience at the park will be a welcome return to normalcy for our families, but with some subtle and not-so-subtle differences in the operation of the park, all the park buildings, and some necessary departures from the pre-game meetings to post-game handshakes. We will open all gates to the complex to help with entering and exiting the facility.

# Safety and Distancing Guidelines at Field of Dreams

## 1) Spectators/Fans

As we return to soccer, please be prepared to follow the guidelines outlined below while enjoying your kid's games:

1. Wherever you are on our property, you must attempt to maintain a 6 ft. or greater distance from others.
2. Preparing for your visit to the park.
  - a. **Seating.** Spectator seating in the park is completely open around the circumference of the fields and adjacent commons areas to the fields. Please bring your own chairs. We have large properties. Spread out and enjoy the game. Bleachers will be limited for the first few weeks. We will review seating as the season goes on.
  - b. **Restrooms.** Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly. Wash hands after using these facilities.
  - c. Our **concessions team** has a strict safety plan for food and beverage handling and monetary transactions. Please follow directions on posted signs. We might not open for soccer for the spring season.
    - i. All concessions employees will wear masks and gloves as they prepare and serve food and conduct transactions.
    - ii. Surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
    - iii. Glass window will separate to help protect both customer and employee.
    - iv. While maintaining a 6 ft. or greater distance from others, a maximum of four customers will be permitted inside the concession stand. Please designate one person to place the order for a family or group while others remain outside.
    - v. Cash or credit forms of payment are acceptable, with the customer inserting the credit card..

**Golf cart assistance.** Golf carts will only be used for staff and emergency transport. Convenience transportation service in either park is not available.

3. Who should not come / visit to the park?

- a. Anyone with an underlying medical condition that would classify them as “high risk”.
- b. Anyone who shows any signs of sickness.
- c. Anyone who answers yes to any of the following questions:
  - i. Have you had symptoms of fever and cough, shortness of breath now or in the last 2-14 days?
  - ii. You or anyone in your household been to, or had contact with someone that has visited any of the restricted travel advisory locations listed on the CDC site within 14 days?
  - iii. Have you had close contact with anyone in the past 14 days who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

2) Teams

*Teams will need to make adjustments before, during, and after games during this period. Start by being prepared by having a team supply of wipes and sanitizer. Coach players on the importance of keeping our distance while playing together.*

1. **Pregame and During Game.** No team or player handshakes, team or player high fives,
2. **Plate Meeting.** The pre-game meeting at home plate should be represented by one coach from each team and the umpires all distanced 6 ft apart. No players are allowed at plate meetings.
3. **PPEs.** Any umpire, staff member, parent or player who chooses to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks, glasses, or gloves can do so any time and for players, at any position (including pitcher).
- 4 **Sanitary Necessities.** Players need to have their own set of anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitizer to disinfect shared playing equipment and clean hands ..
5. **Postgame.** No handshake lines will be allowed.

## **8. Refund or Credit**

Refunds will be as followed. I will refund fees if you decide you are not wanting to play . If you decide you are interested in playing in the fall we will credit your account. Refunds will take 3 to 4 weeks here.

Team water coolers are not permitted. Players use their own water coolers.

*Field of Dreams proposes minimizing contact between all coaches.*

Thanks for everyone's patience,

Troy Wiseman Complex Director