



# Southwest Wood Bat Classics

## Responsible Return

Baseball



### Mandatory

#### Arrival to Venue

- **All participants, spectators, and employees must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the facility/course.**
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*
- No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.
- These requirements must be shared prior to the event with all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and employees prior to their arrival at the venue.

#### Entering the Facility

- **Players/Coaches/team personnel must wait outside the gate in single file line to be checked in.**
- Access to the fields will be 30 min. prior to game time
- No player, coach, team personnel will be allowed in prior to checking in with the tournament worker. The back gates are not for team personnel entry.
- ALL PLAYERS must have a parent-signed liability waiver at their team's first game. Players that do not have this waiver will not be allowed into the facility. This PDF waiver can be found at [swwbc.com](http://swwbc.com) or by contacting your head coach.

#### Athletes

- **Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices off the field of play.**
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*
- Must not share water or equipment. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner or operator including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, hats, and other on- and off-field gear.
- No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A “tip the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- No spitting or eating seeds, gum, other similar products.

### Recommended Best Practices

- Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household.
- Face coverings are recommended for any spectators.
- For each practice session, it is recommended that coaches divide players into groups and establish rotating shifts when possible.
- Athletes should bring individual water containers.
- Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household, if possible.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, are strongly recommended for athletes during the games.
- Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

\* Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.

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## Recommended Best Practices

### Spectators

All Spectators must wear masks inside the facility at all times unless actively eating/drinking

- **Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices. This includes in and around bleachers for anyone not in the same family.**
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*
- Must not enter player areas (on the field of play or bench areas).
- Must keep six-feet or more distance from the backstop.

- Strongly recommended to wear face coverings at all times.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is recommended strongly during the games.

### Coaches

- **Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.**
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- No spitting or eating seeds, gum, or 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. A “tip the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- Must ensure that players are following COVID-19 -related prevention measures included herein.

- Coaches should ensure the players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas.
- Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

### Umpires/ Officials

- **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.

All umpires must wear masks entering and exiting the facility

- Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher or call from behind the pitchers mound to the best of their ability.

### Leaving the Venue

- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the event or practice
- Umpires should adhere to social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.
- Individuals should not exchange items.

Everyone must wear masks entering & exiting the facility

- Team meetings should occur outside of the venue
- Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member(s) of their immediate household, if possible.

### Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
- Organizer must maintain a complete list of coaches, players, and employees present at each event to include the date, beginning and ending time of the event, plus name, address, and phone contact to be made available upon request from local health district.

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

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