

**Vipers Family, I have received many messages about safety guidelines at tournaments this summer. Below I have provided some of the safety guidelines that tournaments are providing for when we attend their tournaments.**

**Preparing to Attend Tournaments**

- All players, coaches, fans, vendors, and officials must adhere to the guidelines from the CDC, state, and/or local authorities.
- Tournaments will share recommended guidelines to individual team representatives in advance of an event to share with players, coaches, and families.
- Tournaments will also have a link on their website prior to the event that will provide any updated guidelines.
- Adults 65 years and older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are strongly encouraged not to attend events at this time.
- Proactively and regularly check their health status (taking temperature and monitoring for any symptoms) as recommended by the CDC, state, and/or local authorities prior to attending an Event.
- Do not come to event if you or any household member is not feeling well.
- Do not come to event if you or any household member has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- Do not attend event if you are not comfortable with measures being taken at a facility.
- Tournaments recommend players, coaches, fans, and officials bring personal hand sanitizer, masks, chairs, and antibacterial wipes to events for personal use.
- Any tents brought into a complex is restricted to one family only per tent.
- Tournaments may limit the number of total players/teams and adjust playing formats to accommodate CDC, state, and/or local guidelines.
- Spectators for Events may be limited and even excluded as we all work together during this time.
- Coaches please make certain all player profiles are updated upon registration for the event. This will assist with our continued efforts to provide up to date game information.

### **Entry to Events**

- **Tournaments partners with a number of communities where events are hosted. Guidelines may be different based on facility requirements and guidelines. Tournaments partners and event hosts must adhere to all state and local guidelines.**
- Tournaments will request our venue partners post health and safety guidelines upon entry into venue(s).
- Please be prepared for a cashless entry to event.
- Items not allowed into facilities include team coolers (players must have individual drinks clearly labelled with name), sunflower seeds, chewing gum.
- Items players may not share helmets, bats, gloves, bags, catcher's gear, towels, uniforms/clothing, or food/drinks.
- Tournaments requires that all staff, vendors, and officials all wear nose and mouth coverings while in the facility. Complimentary disposable face masks may be available at the entry point of the facility. Athletes/coaches may wear masks during games, as long as they feel safe to do so, but are not required. However, we do recommend they be worn while walking within the facility.
- Everyone must follow 6 feet social distancing guidelines.

### **During Events**

- All employees and officials may be subject to additional screening elements prior to working (i.e. temperature check, individual equipment, health questions, etc.). This includes wearing protective nose and face coverings and following strict health and safety guidelines.
- Wash hands with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water not available.
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching mouth/nose
- Avoid shaking hands or touching
- Facility will ensure availability of handwashing, alcohol-based hand gel, and/or hygiene facilities are available at facilities.
- Facility staff will be cleaning all restrooms multiple times per day.
- Tournaments recommend teams to clean and sanitize dugouts and bleachers before and after their game slot.

- Seating area and waiting lines will be clearly marked for 6-foot social distancing requirements.
- Bring your own individual player/coach water as none will be provided in the dugouts. Use of drinking fountains is strictly prohibited.

### **Game Rule Adjustments**

- Game time limits could be shortened to allow time for cleaning between games.
- Home plate umpire will either be located between pitcher and 2B, socially distanced behind catcher, or be required to wear a mask behind the plate.
- Dugouts will be expanded outside of fence, with the safety of the players and coaches in mind and not in foul territory. Please follow the state/local guidelines for number of people in the dugout at a time. Only players and coaches allowed in dugouts.
- Players are discouraged from touching their face. No contact allowed between players, including handshakes, high fives, hugs, chest bumps.
- 6-foot social distancing at plate meeting.
- No team huddles on mound. Mound visits can include pitcher, one coach, and catcher and must maintain 6-foot social distance.
- Base coaches must maintain 6-foot social distance from players at all times.
- No congregating around batting cages or anywhere pre-game. Must maintain 6-foot social distance.
- Conversations between coach and umpire must maintain 6-foot distance.
- No trophy/award ceremonies after games. Coaches will receive all awards to disperse.
- Teams are required to clean all trash from dugout prior to leaving facility. If a dugout is not clean on arrival, please notify facility staff before entering.
- Teams must wait until prior team is completely off field and all equipment and trash is removed from dugout before entering.