



Neenah Baseball, Inc Guidelines for Practices and Games



- All players must complete the COVID-19 Waiver along with USSSA Waiver before they can participate in any practices, games, or tournaments. The waiver will be completed online only.
- League play is scheduled to begin the week of June 8th and run through the week of July 20th for: T-ball, Kid Pitch, Junior Little League, and Senior Little League. 7th-12th grade will play in a community travel league, they will have different start and end dates that are yet to be determined. They will also have other guidelines to follow. Both COVID-19 and USSSA waivers need to be signed by 7th-12th grade to play also.
- The concession stand will be closed unless deemed appropriate to open at a later date.

Player Guidelines:

- Parents are requested to do a daily symptom assessment of their player (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms including a temperature of 100.3 or higher and/or other symptoms must stay home and not participate until they have been non-medicated, fever free for 72 hours.
- Wearing a face covering is encouraged when off the field.
- When teams are batting, players should social distance by using the dugout along with designated areas outside the dugout. Players should use the same area throughout the game.
- All gear/equipment should remain in the player's area when not in use. Gear/equipment should not be shared.
- Each player should have their own drink/water bottle with their name on it.
- 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 of the cap" can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- Coaches and players should not huddle up between innings, before, or after games.
- No spitting or eating any food while playing in a game, this includes seeds and gum.
- Players should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice.

Coaching Guidelines:

- Coaches are requested to do a daily symptom assessment of their self (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms including a temperature of 100.3 or higher and/or other symptoms must stay home and not participate until they have been non-medicated, fever free for 72 hours.
- Wearing a face covering is encouraged.
- 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 of the cap" can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- Coaches and players should not huddle up between innings, before or after games.
- No spitting or eating any food while playing in a game, this includes seeds and gum.
- Whenever possible, equipment and other personal items should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.
- Coaches should ensure players are adhering to social distancing whenever possible.
- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice.

Practices/Games:

- Coaches and players should adhere to physical six-foot distancing except when the ball is in play.
- Lineups for games should be shared over email if needed. No coach's meetings before the game unless deemed necessary by umpire.
- Coaches are encouraged to wear face coverings.
- Athletes are encouraged to wear a face covering when not in the field of play.
- For practice sessions, it is encouraged that coaches divide players into small group stations whenever possible.
- Whenever possible, equipment and other personal items should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.
- League Games: Each team will have a set of balls they will use while on defense. The coaches will be responsible for throwing in a ball when one is hit out of play.
- The coach from the batter's team will need to get the bat once the player hits the ball and bring to dug out for the player to take back to their equipment spot.
- League Games: Umpires will call balls and strikes from a safe distance from behind the pitcher unless deemed appropriate at a later date to be behind the catcher.

Spectators:

- Spectators are requested to do a daily symptom assessment of their self (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms including a temperature of 100.3 or higher and/or other symptoms must stay home until they have been non-medicated, fever free for 72 hours.
- Wearing a face covering is encouraged.
- Spectators should social distance while watching the games on sidelines and outfield area. The bleachers and dugout area will be for players only and should not be entered unless needed.
- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice.

Confirmed Cases:

- Contact Winnebago County Health Department about suspected cases or exposure.
- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops COVID-19 symptoms.

NBI has been in contact with Winnebago County Public Health and will follow recommendations and guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy season. Please see the waiver and these guidelines for a more complete explanation.

Per direction from Winnebago County Public Health- When a person receives a positive COVID 19 test, that patient's information and results are immediately sent to Public Health, who will contact that individual to begin contact tracing. Public Health will make the decision on how far back, and who needs to be contacted to be advised that they may have been exposed. Public Health will advise these people on what the next steps are. Typically, a 14 day quarantine will be recommended.

A case by case basis, while consulting with the WCHD, will be taken to determine if games/season needs to be cancelled or put on hold. If games/season is suspended or cancelled, the coach will reach out to player's parents, and NBI will also utilize email/website to make announcements.

NBI will not release any information regarding who the person is that tested positive, for any reason. NBI would only know this information if the person advised NBI directly. Coaches and board members will not receive any information that is not released to the public. If the person in question wishes to make this information public, that will be their choice, however NBI will adhere to all HIPPA regulations. This will include but not limited to; name, age group, team, coaches name or information, sex or date played.