



# BASEBALL & SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



## RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

Millard United Sports' priority is the safety of our athletes, coaches, employees, volunteers, and families. To ensure this, we have taken and implemented enhanced health and safety measures and protocols at our fields and facilities which are in accordance with the CDC and local governing agencies. You are required to follow all posted instructions while in attendance. The risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By participating in our activities and visiting our fields and facilities you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. We appreciate your cooperation in following all instructions and protocols!

The guidelines are going to be an adjustment for all involved, it is important to have patience and understanding as we navigate this together. Please contact the MUS office or the Sport Committee with questions or concerns. We will have field liaisons on site at the complexes. Guidelines are subject to change depending on current local, state and federal guidelines. Please visit <https://www.millardunited.com/covid19> for the latest updates.

	STATE REQUIRED	MUS BEST PRACTICES	How Might This Affect My Season?
VENUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All attendees must conduct daily symptom self assessments prior to arrival at the field/complex. Anyone showing signs/symptoms of COVID-19 (fever over 100.4F, sudden onset of cough or sudden onset of shortness of breath) must stay home.</li> <li>Teams/Umpires Only on the field &amp; in the designated dugout area.</li> <li>No water fountains.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendees are allowed but not required to wear PPE at all outdoor venues.</li> <li>Maps of fields/complexes will be sent out to show designated areas for players, spectators, and warm ups.</li> <li>All attendees are recommended to follow the six-foot physical distancing guideline while at the field/complex.</li> <li>It is recommended that restroom and concession stand lines be distanced six feet apart.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dependent of availability; warm up space may be limited. An alternate warm up plan is recommended prior to arrival at the field.</li> </ul>
SANITIZING PRECAUTIONS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanitizer will be provided in each dugout on game days.</li> <li>Attendees are recommended to provide their own sanitizing wipes/spray and/or hand sanitizer.</li> <li>Competitive baseball tournaments; MUS will provide game balls. Designated home teams will distribute &amp; sanitize balls between each half inning.</li> <li>Competitive softball tournaments; Teams will provide the game balls. Designated home teams will exchange &amp; sanitize balls between each half inning.</li> <li>All Fields/Complexes, restrooms, &amp; concessions will be sanitized prior to each game day.</li> <li>All Restrooms will be sanitized &amp; cleaned periodically during the game day.</li> <li>Dugouts and designated dugout areas will be sanitized before &amp; after each game by coaches upon entry &amp; exit of the dugout.</li> <li>Shared Equipment will be sanitized before &amp; after each practice/game &amp; between each user during practice/game. Coaches are encouraged to rotate equipment when possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MUS recommends that each player provide their own equipment whenever possible to minimize shared equipment.</li> </ul>

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### GAME TIME

- Coaches and athletes must conduct daily symptom self assessments prior to attending games. Anyone showing signs/symptoms of COVID-19 (fever over 100.4F, sudden onset of cough or sudden onset of shortness of breath) must stay home.

- Players are encouraged to begin warm ups prior to arriving at the field.
- Line ups may be exchanged verbally. Line up cards will not be exchanged.
- Plate meeting is limited to one coach from each team and the umpire.
- Schedules will be adjusted for tournament games to minimize overlap and traffic flow and maximize social distancing and sanitization abilities.
- Minimize player contact beyond the field of play; alternative methods of team celebration & sportsmanship encouraged.



### SPECTATORS

- USSSA Waiver must be completed for all baseball athletes.



### UMPIRES



- Umpires will provide their own hand sanitizer to use between each half inning.
- Umpires will refrain from unnecessary touches of player or equipment/balls.
- Umpires will adhere to 6 feet social distancing in all cases that they can control.
- Umpires will be allowed/ encouraged to wear PPE but not required due to the climate.

- Umpires may be located/stationed in non-traditional manners/ locations/etc.

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### COACHES

- USSSA Waiver must be completed for all baseball athletes.

- Competitive baseball tournaments; MUS will provide game balls. Designated home teams will distribute & sanitize balls between each half inning.
- Competitive softball tournaments; Teams will provide the game balls. Designated home teams will exchange & sanitize balls between each half inning.
- Coaches are asked to ensure social distancing is maintained as much as possible.

- Coaches should have an assistant coach help to maintain player social distancing when not in the field of play.
- Sanitizing Cleaner will be provided on game days in each dugout. Instructions will be provided as to what and how to sanitize the dugout before entering and when exiting. This process is not labor intensive and can be done in a very short amount of time.
- The MUS supplied sanitizing cleaner is alcohol based and dries within 15 seconds. This cleaner is safe to use on helmets and catching gear. Please take extra care in sanitizing the face mask.

### GAME CONCLUSION

- To show sportsmanship, it is encouraged that each team will line up on their foul line and tip their hats/visors to opposing team at conclusion of each game.
- Competitive Baseball Tournaments; teams will verbally verify score and pitch counts with opposing team. Teams will then submit the score and pitch count to MUS Site Supervisor to record.
- Competitive Softball Tournaments; the umpire will be issued a score card prior to the game and will submit the card to the MUS Site Supervisor to record.
- Teams will remove all items from the dugout including all trash.

### CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASE

- Anyone who has tested positive, or is under self, requested, suggested, or mandated quarantine - for themselves or their household - is not eligible to attend any game or event as a participant or spectator.
- Follow all CDC guidelines.
- Contact Local Health Department to initiate appropriate care and tracking.

- In the event of a coach or player receiving a positive COVID test please contact your Coach, Teammates, and the Tournament Director.