

Salisbury Youth Association

Best Practices for a Return to Play (Baseball + Softball)

As our baseball/softball program considers a return to the field, it is recommended that our organization adheres to guidelines that are given by the CDC and other government officials.

1. All individuals (players, coaches, and fans) should measure their body temperature to ensure there is no fever present before participating in any baseball/softball activities. Anyone with symptoms of fever, cough, or worsening respiratory symptoms, or any known exposure to a person with COVID-19, should not attend any baseball/softball activities.
2. No handshakes or personal contact celebrations should happen during baseball/softball activities. After the game, teams will line up on the baselines and tip their caps to the opposing team.
3. Everyone should bring their own personal drinks. No sharing of drinks or food among players, coaches, and fans.
4. Coaches and players should be assigned spaces in the dugout or on bleachers so that they are socially distant. Players will remain in their spot of the dugout until it is their time to take the field or bat.
5. Coaches will always be required to wear mask. Players will be required to wear the masks when they are not on the field. Players can choose to wear a cloth mask on the field but are not required to do so.
6. Players should not share any baseball/softball equipment.
7. Sunflower seeds, gum, etc., are not permitted in the dugout or the field. Players and coaches should refrain from spitting during baseball/softball activities.
8. Baseballs/Softballs should be rotated on a regular basis to limit contact. Foul balls should be retrieved by players and coaches only. Fans should not retrieve baseballs/softballs that leave the field of play.
9. Times between practices on shared fields will be spread out to allow everyone from the previous practice to leave the premises. Players, coaches, and fans should not arrive to the field more than 30 minutes prior to game time. If you arrive early, please stay in your car until the participants of the previous game or practice have left the field area.
10. Fans shall practice social distancing while at the baseball/softball facilities. Fans should also wear a cloth mask while at the game or practice.
11. Fans should avoid direct hand or other contact with coaches, player, and other fans that do not reside in the same household.
12. Fans should bring their own seating
13. No concessions stand will be open