



MYSA COVID-19 Protocols

May 1, 2021

The following protocols were developed in conjunction with the recommendations set forth by Public Health Madison and Dane County's ("PHMDC") COVID-19 Sports Action Plan. These protocols are also consistent with similar guidelines in place for peer leagues and governing softball associations (USA Softball, USSSA, etc.). These protocols are subject to change based on current and future recommendations of health officials.

No player or coach should participate if exhibiting or exposed to someone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 10 days. Symptoms may include fever, dry cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, feelings of discomfort or illness, headache, chills, loss of sense of taste or smell.

If your participant or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 while enrolled in MYSA programming, you must contact MYSA immediately at 608.212.6950 or mcfarlandyouthsoftball@gmail.com. Indicate the name of the individual and what program they are enrolled in at time of notification.

All players, coaches and parents must review these guidelines before the start of practice or play.

Practice Protocols:

- Players should not arrive at the fields more than 10 minutes prior to their designated practice time.
- Players must maintain six (6) feet physical distancing when not actively participating in the sport. This includes benches, sidelines, spectator areas, and locker rooms.
- Face coverings are not required while actively playing/participating in the sport but are encouraged when social distancing cannot be maintained. Face coverings are required for check-in and group/team discussion times.
- Players should bring their own water in a bottle labeled with their name.
- No food, candy, or sunflower seeds are allowed. Spitting will not be tolerated.
- Arriving teams must allow the previous team to completely exit before entering the field / facility for their own practice.
- Coaches and players will sanitize their hands before and after practice as well as between drills and during water breaks. Hand sanitizer will not be provided by MYSA or volunteer coaches. Each player is expected to bring their own hand sanitizer.
- Players should keep their individual equipment (e.g., glove, helmet, bat, batting gloves, etc.) in their own space, spread out along the baseline fence at least 6 feet apart from other player's equipment bags.
- The sharing of individual equipment is prohibited. If a player does not have a helmet or bat, MYSA has some inventory that will be sanitized and provided. The player should keep this equipment for the duration of the season, and it must be returned at the conclusion of the season.
- Shared equipment, such as catcher's equipment, will be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and allowed sufficient time to dry before being used by another player. Sanitization must be performed by an adult.
- Players unable to comply with these practice protocols after being reminded by a coach will be asked to leave practice.
- Spectators are not encouraged.
- Spectators must maintain six (6) feet physical distancing at all times between people from different households.
- Spectators are required to wear face coverings where six (6) feet physical distancing is not possible (McFarland School District Policy).
- Restrooms may not be available depending on the site and cleaning capabilities. Plan accordingly.



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Game Protocols:

- Coaches and players will arrive no earlier than the designed time set by the coach.
- Coaches, players, and spectators should be cautious and courteous upon entering and exiting the facility site and observe proper social distancing rules. Face coverings are required during check-in.
- Players must maintain six (6) feet physical distancing when not actively participating in the sport. This includes benches, sidelines, spectator areas, and locker rooms.
- Face coverings are not required while actively playing/participating in the sport but are encouraged when social distancing cannot be maintained. Face coverings are required for check-in and group/team discussion times.
- Players should bring their own water in a bottle labeled with their name.
- No food, candy, or sunflower seeds are allowed. Spitting will not be tolerated.
- Handshakes or high fives are not encouraged.
- The dugout will be extended from behind the dugout to the backstop for players of both teams to practice social distancing.
- Hand and equipment sanitizing between innings is recommended. Hand sanitizer will not be provided by MYSA or volunteer coaches. Players are expected to bring their own hand sanitizer.
- Players should keep their individual equipment (glove, helmet, bat, batting gloves, etc.) in their own space, spread out along the baseline fence or behind the dugout, and at least 6 feet apart from other player's equipment bags.
- The sharing of individual equipment (e.g., glove, helmet, bat, batting gloves, etc.) is prohibited.
- Shared equipment, such as catcher's equipment, will be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and allowed sufficient time to dry before being used by another player. Sanitization must be performed by an adult.
- At the conclusion of the game, players will be asked to forego the sportsmanship line. Instead, we are asking each team to line up on their respective foul line and clap, wave, or "tip their cap" as a salute to the other team to promote sportsmanship.
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