

SHAKAMAK YOUTH LEAGUE 2020 SPRING SEASON

COVID 19 GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

As we embark upon this journey into uncharted territory, we at Shakamak Youth League have implemented new guidelines and regulations to try to make it as safe as possible for all players, coaches, spectators, volunteers, and staff.

To provide safety for all there will be rules that must be followed by everyone involved. These rules, we feel, will keep us as safe as possible during the time you are at our facilities. Anyone that fails to abide by these rules may be removed from the premises. The rules that we must follow are based upon guidelines set forth by USSSA, the Governor of Indiana, the CDC, and other local, state, and federal government and health officials.

We ask that all teams follow these guidelines so that our athletes can continue to participate in youth recreational sports

Shakamak Youth League, in an effort to make our 2020 season as safe as possible, is committed to adhering to the following:

- Follow guidelines set forth by the state of Indiana
- Hand sanitizer will be provided to each team for use throughout the season, as well as placed throughout the park for the use of staff and spectators
- Keeping dugouts and fencing areas used by players sanitized between each use
- Keeping restrooms clean and sanitized more often
- Limit the capacity of restrooms to one person per restroom, regardless of the number of stalls available, to maintain recommended social distancing
- Social distancing guidelines will apply to any lines that form for concessions and rest rooms. Spacing tools such as marking tape will be used to maintain adequate spacing. If lines form, please wait until the line has cleared and there is adequate space to allow for social distancing. The number of people in line will be limited by the marked spaces available.
- Encourage the use of credit cards at concessions to limit contact
- Concessions will limit sales to prepackaged and sealed items only
- Concession staff will be required to wear a mask and gloves and to remain behind the plexiglass barrier
- We will provide extra staff to sanitize equipment and facilities
- Training will be provided to all volunteers, coaches, and staff on social distancing, sanitation, cleaning hands often, and respecting space while talking with players and families
- Staff will stay home if sick
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned regularly

-When possible, start times for games and practices may be staggered to limit gatherings and the number of individuals present at the same time

-Communication via text/phone will be encouraged to limit in-person communication

PLAYER GUIDELINES:

-Player temps must be checked and logged prior to every practice and game. The CDC considers a person to have a fever when he or she has a measured temperature of 100.4°F (38°C). Anyone with a temp of 100.0°F or higher will not be allowed to participate and will be sent home. If anyone arriving at any events display symptoms, they will be sent home

-Players must sanitize hands prior to every practice and game

-Each player will be provided with one mask to use throughout the season if requested

-We recommend that all equipment bags be hung outside of the dugout

-We recommend that no player share equipment such as: bats, gloves, helmets, and hats

-Players will NOT be allowed to have GUM or SUNFLOWER SEEDS

-All teams must clean dugouts after each practice and game. Players must pick up all of their trash and place it in the trash container closest to them

-It is recommended that all players sanitize their equipment before each practice and game

-It is recommended that players carry hand sanitizer

-Players will be allowed to wear face masks during practices and gameplay provided they do not obstruct their vision or interfere with player safety during play

-It is recommended that all drinks have a lid and be labeled with the players name

-All players shall always practice social distancing

-Players shall not participate in any hand shaking, hugging, high-fiving, or prayer lines

-Socialization of players at the facilities before and after games is discouraged

GAME PLAY

-Teams are limited to TWO coaches per dugout

-The number of players allowed in dugouts will be limited to better follow social distancing guidelines

-Shared equipment, such as catchers gear, must be properly sanitized between each use and substitution of catchers will only be allowed between innings (except in the event of a player illness or injury)

-Catchers will NOT be used for 3-4-year-old Co-Ed T-ball or 5-6-year-old Pee-Wee Leagues

-There will be no huddles allowed before, during, or after games that are not following social distancing guidelines

- If a player/coach conference is needed, then that conference should be between player/coach only
- Teams will each be given their own game ball prior to each game.
- Umpires will social distance themselves as much as possible when behind the plate
- During pre-game, only one coach from each team will be allowed at the plate, along with the plate umpire, with all using social distancing as best they can
- The catcher and umpire should work together to give all parties at the plate the best safe social distancing possible
- 3/4 T-ball Division: One parent will be allowed on the field with each child when necessary but must maintain social distancing from other players/parents

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS:

- There will be NO sitting in bleachers or behind back stops or dugout areas
- Spectators must practice social distancing seating
- Parents must provide their own lawn chairs for seating and are also encouraged to park along outfield fences to view games from their vehicles
- When temporary fencing is used parents will be allowed to sit outside the temporary outfield fencing
- Parents must pick up all trash and place it in the trash container closest to them
- After your team's game, please exit the facility as soon as possible to limit large groups and maintain social gathering recommendations
- If parents bring tents, no other parents may share the tent
- Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that all children remain in the designated seating areas and maintain social distancing guidelines
- No parents will be allowed on the field during award ceremonies. During awards presentations, only players and coaches will be allowed on the fields
- Families should sit together with at least 6 feet between other groups

FACILITIES GUIDELINES:

- Bleachers will be assigned for PLAYERS ONLY!
- The following will NOT be allowed in our facilities:
 - GUM
 - SUNFLOWER SEEDS
 - TOBACCO PRODUCTS (including cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and e-cigarettes/vapes)

-ATVs (including dirt bikes, 4-wheelers, side-by-sides, golf carts, etc)

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

-Masks are recommended

-Staff, participants, and anyone else in attendance should stay home if sick

-Use tools to self-screen before arriving at the facility

-Individuals 65 or older or those in high-risk categories should not attend

-When there is attention needed to anything, please contact any coach, board member, or concession staff

These guidelines and regulations are subject to change as the season progresses

