

KVBSA GAME TAKE THE FIELD RECOMMENDATIONS

Purpose: To make clear, at a minimum, the following guidelines are recommended at every KVBSA event to prevent the spread of COVID-19, until such time it becomes safe to lift or loosen these guidelines. In order for baseball to be played this summer, certain restrictions, procedures and policies from various governmental agencies are necessary to ensure play returns in a responsible way. The safety of all event attendees and the prevention of the further spread of COVID-19 is of extreme importance. It is essential that all event attendees are in compliance with the recommendations, restrictions, procedures and policies, in order to ensure these events will be able to continue. Please understand that your attendance and participation in any event is at your own discretion. Thank you in advance for helping ensure a safe & healthy environment and season for all those involved.

NOTE: The guidelines listed below do not supersede restrictions and policies established by the CDC, Federal, State or Local governments or the facilities at which games are played. It is the responsibility of managers, coaches, parents, spectators and players to familiarize themselves with any relevant legislation, executive orders, and facility policies that may be enforced.

All teams at every event are solely responsible for the preparation, enactment, adherence and enforcement of all CDC, Federal, State, Local and Municipality as well as KVBSA guidelines, recommendations and policies. KVBSA does not monitor compliance of these Recommendations and it is the responsibility of each Team, Parent, Player, Manager, and Coach to adhere to these Recommendations. However, in the event of noncompliance KVBSA reserves the right to revoke the Team's participation in the KVBSA and all privileges that go with it, including insurance.

- Player/Coach safety recommendations
 - Follow all local and state guidelines for facilities and events. Home team make sure that the visiting teams are aware of all rules and regulations of the facility/community/organization sponsoring the event.
 - Minimize player contact by eliminating team/player/coach handshakes, fist bumps and high-fives as well as any group prayers, hugs, physical contact before, during and after the games.
 - Teams should not crowd the dugouts waiting to get in and should only approach them when they are empty or if the previous team has completely vacated them.
 - Managers meeting at home plate should be limited to one coach from each team, plus the umpires. No players at the plate meeting. Eliminate the meeting if possible
 - Where possible, consider options for limiting both the line-up, pitching and the scorecard exchanges, in order to reduce person-to-person contact. Apps such as Game Changer can be utilized where the line-ups are downloaded
 - If player equipment is shared, we recommend taking precautions to clean the equipment in between use.
 - Teams are allowed to spread players out - expand the dugout when room permits, such as line-up on the fence, staying clear of foul ball areas. Players should not sit in the stands with their families or spectators
 - Limit the number of people on the bench or in the dugout to essential team personnel.
 - No parents, siblings, spectators should be in the dugouts or the playing area before, during or after the game.
 - Players may wear personal protective items, such as masks and gloves, as long as the items do not compromise the safety of any and all participants in the game.
 - Coaches and players are encouraged to wear a face mask when not on the playing field
 - Coaches, players, parents and umpires are encouraged to sanitize or wash their hands with soap and water between innings
 - The use of dugout water coolers and otherwise shared water bottles is discouraged.

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- The distribution of shared snacks and group/team treats is discouraged
- The use of sunflower seeds, chewing gum, and anything else that is spit from a mouth to the ground, should be discouraged.
- Teams are encouraged to practice off site whenever possible and arrive early to games to properly prepare their dugouts and equipment
- Teams should clean their dugout of all trash and other items before and after each game, and to wipe down hard surfaces such as benches, bat racks, etc with sanitizing products.
- The number of people (players, coaches, spectators, umpires) at an event is mandated by the state and is expected to be followed and remain within the current mass-gathering limitations established by the state and local jurisdiction.
- Any coach, player, umpire, parent, sibling or spectator that is not feeling well is encouraged to not attend the event. If anybody in attendance begins to feel ill when at the event, they should immediately leave the venue. If a player begins to feel ill during the event, they must immediately notify the coaching staff
- Umpires should refrain from touching any equipment whenever possible
- Umpires should allow adequate space between themselves and the catcher and batter when calling balls and strikes while still being able to perform their duties whether behind the plate or on the mound.
- Umpires are encouraged to wear masks throughout the game
- Umpires are expected to adhere to the social distancing guidelines when interacting with coaches, players or spectators.
- General safety
 - All in attendance are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer and antibacterial wipes for disinfecting hands and equipment regularly.
 - All in attendance are expected to adhere to the Covid-19 related preventative measures.
 - Fans are encouraged to bring their own chairs to all events.
 - Fans are encouraged to bring and wear their own masks.
 - The use of sunflower seeds, chewing gum and anything else that is spit from a mouth to the ground, should be discouraged.
 - When using a tent, or a blanket please restrict it to family members only.
 - All in attendance are expected to adhere to the guidelines from the CDC, state and local authorities regarding travel restrictions, stay-at-home orders, and any other mandates.
 - All in attendance are encouraged to maintain the safe social distancing practices of a minimum of 6 feet established by the CDC, state and local authorities
 - Any person experiencing symptoms of sickness should refrain from attending the event.
 - Attendance by those that are most vulnerable is discouraged.
 - Personal protective equipment is not required but is encouraged.
 - Teams and their families are discouraged from congregating in large groups for extended periods of time. This includes, but is not limited to, the parking lot, stands and or other common areas, before, during and after the games in an effort to adhere to the minimum 6 feet social distancing guidelines.
 - Lines around restrooms, concession areas, or otherwise throughout the event are discouraged, but if necessary, please maintain a distance of 6 feet at all times.
 - Teams are encouraged to work with the facility owners to ensure all attendees are presented with a safe and healthy environment throughout the entire venue.
 - Teams that utilize their own fields, complexes, or facilities should provide their own Covid-19 Rules and recommendations