

USA SOFTBALL OF MAINE

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic of 2020, Maine USA Softball in a effort to protect our athletes, coaches, umpires and fans of the game of softball, we are using the following guidelines and precautions. Most of these have been taken from USA Softball's Back to the Ballpark Recommendations along with guidance from Maine CDC and the Maine Governors office.

DISCLAIMER

Participants, parents, family, spectators, umpires and all associated with and engaging in softball and activities related to softball do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risk to their personal health.

WAIVER IS ATTACHED to this package.

Games & Tournaments

- Prior to attending any games or tournaments, parents and coaches must make sure players are checked for any signs of illness. (Fever,cough,shortness of breath)
- All coaches, parents, scorekeepers must stay home If they are feeling ill.
- Umpires and field staff must check temperatures before arriving at any facility.
- Upon Arrival to a field or complex Social distancing and wearing of face covering is highly recommended by all participants.

Changes to the game

No spectators will be allowed behind the backstops this will be reserved for social distancing of players,coaches and scorekeepers.

3 players and a coach are allowed in the dugout. (social distancing and mask) remaining team players will be behind the backstop with a coach and the scorekeeper.

Players are allowed to wear batting gloves while playing in the field

Players are recommended to wear face covering while at bat and running the bases.

Defensive players especially infielders are recommended to wear face covering.

Coaches on the field shall maintain social distancing while holding conferences with players and Recommend face coverings.

Pitcher will not wear a glove on pitching hand.

Catchers have the option to wear batting glove on throwing hand and they are recommended to Wear face covering.

Umpires are recommended to wear face covering and umpire from the normal umpire position.

Team huddles will not be allowed.

Team pregame meeting will be with the 2 coaches no players coaches will social distance at home Plate with umpires.

No line up cards will be exchanged, A clipboard will be attached to the backstop that each team Fill in their lineup and changes will be made through the plate umpire. The form will have team Name, date, coaches name and a spot for the best phone number to be reached. This will give Event organizers a one contact person who should be able to advise Maine CDC on who was in Attendance at any event. (for contact tracing if necessary).

Teams will provide own game balls and sanitize after every ½ inning.

Teams will provide a person responsible for sanitizing bats and equipment after each use.
Teams will provide own sanitizing equipment and product, for cleaning equipment and the dugout
After each game. Dugouts will be sanitized at the end of the day by event organizers.
Players will Provide their own hand sanitizer.
No sharing of equipment(helmets, bats, gloves)
No team coolers players should provide own water/drink and label it with name.
No sharing of food.
Spectators are recommended to bring own chairs to social distance.
Games will be set for 90 minutes with no new inning after the 90 minute time limit
Game schedule will allow for teams to clean & sanitize the dugouts after each game
Teams will not be allowed to do Post game handshakes or high fives after the games.
Emergency contact numbers and names will be posted at each site.

Concessions If held they will follow all recommended social distancing rules and wear protective
Gloves and facial coverings.
No sunflower seeds will be allowed since spitting them out creates a issue for cleaning.

Gatherings We will use the numbers provided by the Governors office at the time of the event.
Teams waiting to play the next game will be advised to wait in own vehicles until current teams
Leave the area.

We will be using fields throughout the State of Maine which gives more flexibility to space out
People over being inside a gym or classroom .

We at USA Softball of Maine understand that there is always a risk of spreading sickness at any events,
but we think with the changes outlined above, we can get our young girls back to playing and enjoying
the Great game of softball in the State of Maine. We feel that with all that our youth and parents have
been through with COVID 19 being able to get outside and play with friends will be beneficial to every
ones well being
We will follow directions as provided by the Governors office and the Maine CDC.

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