

## **Return To Baseball Guidelines And Rule Modifications**

**When you are at the park, you must attempt to maintain a 6 ft. or greater distance from others.**

### **Who should not come / visit the park?**

**\*Anyone with an underlying medical condition that would classify them as “high risk”.**

**\*Anyone who shows any signs of sickness.**

**\*Anyone who answers yes to any of the following questions:**

**\*Have you had symptoms of fever and cough, shortness of breath now or in the last 2-14 days?**

**\*Have you or anyone in your household been to, or had contact with someone that has visited any of the restricted travel advisory locations listed on the CDC site within 14 days?**

**\*Have you had close contact with anyone in the past 14 days who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?**

**Game 7 recommends that you minimize the number of family members and fans entering the ballpark. Spectators should bring their own chairs. Avoid sitting in bleachers. Spread out and enjoy the game.**

**The expectation would be that all spectators would sit out rain delays in their respective vehicles – you will not be allowed to wait out rain delays in the park under park pavilions.**

**For the safety of everyone in the park, all players, coaches and spectators must follow rules/guidelines at all times. Failure to follow these rules/guidelines may result in the non-complying person(s) being asked to leave the park.**

**In addition to the above, each municipality and park will have specific safety guidelines that must be followed while attending their park. Check before entering the facility. Teams will need to make adjustments before, during, and after games during this period.**

**Be prepared by having a team supply of antibacterial wipes and sanitizer. Instruct players on the importance of social distancing while playing together.**

### **Pregame and During Game:**

No team or player handshakes and no team or player high fives.

### **Plate Meeting:**

The pre-game meeting at home plate should be represented by only one coach from each team and the umpires, all distanced 6 ft apart. No players are allowed at plate meetings. Coaches are NOT allowed to cross the white lines to argue/challenge calls at any time!

### **Line Up Cards:**

All teams must submit a lineup card at ground rules. Do your due diligence in self-sanitizing after any exchange of line up cards or baseballs or pitching sheets.

### **Pitch tracking/ score sheet:**

It will be handed to the head coach for the home team bookkeeper. Final score and/ or pitching will be documented by the home team bookkeeper and agreed to verbally by umpires and both coaches upon conclusion of the game. NO signatures! The sheet must be completed and turned in upon conclusion of your game.

### **Time Limits:**

Time limits may be revised to help adhere to recommendations put forth by the CDC and local health department/ government.

### **Sanitary Necessities:**

It is recommended that players have their own supply of anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitizer to disinfect shared playing equipment and clean hands between innings.

### **Postgame:**

We recommend teams to tip their cap/helmet to honor the competition with their opponent after a game from across the field. No handshake lines will be allowed. Please do not stand on the foul line to make this sportsmanlike gesture to preserve the foul line for the next game.

### **Baseballs:**

Two new Baseballs will be provided before each game and will be limited to 1 baseball per team, per game. Teams will be responsible for providing baseballs during their time in the field (on defense) rather than passing balls

back and forth between dugouts during the game. IF they go foul, the defensive team must retrieve them. The team keeps them for ALL games and does not need to return them. This will prevent balls from being passed from team to team or back to the Umpires/ UIC/ Directors.

### **Dugout:**

Players may spread out and expand the dugout area where room permits without compromising player safety. You can have a maximum of three coaches in and around the dugout. When batting, this includes base coaches and one bench coach. Teams may elect to have a tent right outside their dugout fence for the players to utilize in addition to the dugout.

After each game, teams must clean their dugout of *all trash and items*. Teams are encouraged to disinfect hard surface areas (quick spray benches, bat racks, fence poles) upon entering and exiting a dugout. Please make these items part of your team equipment list, prioritize them highly, and make this courtesy a source of team pride.

No Teams including players and/or coaches may enter dugout until it is completely clear of players and gear from previous game.

Post-game meetings are not allowed in the dugout or on the field.

Please exit the field/dugout area at the conclusion of each game.

Team water coolers are not permitted.

Players must use their own personal water coolers.

**NO sunflower seeds. NO gum. NO Food in the dugout.**

Final score and/ or pitching will be documented by the home team bookkeeper and **agreed to verbally by umpires and both coaches. NO signatures!**

### **Schedule/Brackets:**

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Site Directors may elect to have NO paper brackets; however, they may be viewed online at [www.playtngame7.com](http://www.playtngame7.com)

Coaches are ultimately responsible for their team, players, coaches, and parents as related to the above guidelines. Any instances not covered in the above rules/regulations/guidelines will be decided by the Game 7 Site Director or other such person designated by Game 7, on a case-by-case basis. Game 7 Reserves the right to ask coach, player, or parent to leave the park if the above rules and guidelines are not being practiced.

**Thank You for your continued support and for playing Game 7 Baseball!**

