

Wellington Parks and Recreation Re-opening Guidelines for Youth Sports

Level 1

Youth sports may begin play with particular attention to safety of players, coaches and spectators. Adherence to these guidelines will be enforced by Park Rangers and other Village of Wellington staff but a successful start is dependent on sports organizations and participant families cooperation. The guidelines under Level 1 are as follows:

1. Each field, including sidelines will not exceed a total of 50 people for games. Bleachers will not be in use. Spectators are to bring their own chairs and sit along the sidelines using appropriate physical distance. One spectator per player is encouraged. Vulnerable populations should be asked to stay home or watch virtually where applicable.
2. There shall be no spectators for practices.
3. Practices and games will be scheduled with a 30 minute interval in between to prevent overlap of participants. Start times will be staggered so no more than half the facility is turning over at a given time.
4. Game balls will be disinfected before and after every game and practice. Team benches/chairs will be disinfected after every game or practice. No spitting. No sunflower seeds. No shared snacks.
5. Sharing of equipment is strongly discouraged other than the ball. If equipment must be shared, coaches should have a plan to disinfect.
6. Players must bring their own water bottles and snacks if necessary. No sharing.
7. Players will not huddle before, during or after games or practices. No hand slaps or hand shakes. Sportsmanship is extremely important but must be done in a safe and contactless manner.
8. Players maintain a 6 foot physical distancing in dugouts or sidelines. If applicable or necessary, a portion of the team will use the dugout physically distanced and the others will sit outside the dugout.
9. If a child is sick they should be kept home. It is the responsibility of the parents and coaches to enforce.
10. Food and beverage concessions are permitted in accordance with State of Florida Office of the Governor Executive Order 20-112 and related subsequent orders applicable to Palm Beach County.