

2021 NoPro Sports - COVID Protocols and Safety Measures

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Please note that NYC Parks have set the rules for us and we will need to strictly adhere to their guidance. If things change as the season progresses, we will adjust as directed.

1. **Mask Policy** - As per the NYC Parks Department, "the league must ensure consistent six feet of distance between individuals, unless safety or core activity (e.g. practicing, playing) requires a shorter distance. If a shorter distance is required, individuals must wear face coverings, unless players are unable to medically tolerate such a covering for the physical activity. Coaches, trainers, and/or other individuals who are not directly engaged in activity are required to wear face coverings if they are medically able to do so."

As such, NoPro Sports is requiring that everyone must wear a mask that fully covers their nose and mouth at all times while on the field.

2. **Balls** - Teams will each present a new Clincher Softball to the pregame meeting. If one team has a used ball and another team has a new ball, then teams will switch balls at the pregame so the team with the new softball gets to hit with that ball. Each pitcher will hold onto their respective softball for the entire game. Umpires will not handle softballs.
3. **Registration** - All players MUST be registered with the league's website. This is a required for contact tracing.
4. **Notifications** - If a player tests positive for COVID-19, the manager of his/her team should be notified as well as the league manager.
5. **Bats** - Players should do their best to pick up their own bats after an out or at the end of an inning.
6. **Bench** - Only players and coaches are allowed to be on the team bench.
7. **Post-game** - At games end, teams should avoid the customary handshakes and high fives. Team can line up on each baseline and commit to a friendly wave.
8. **Hygiene** - All participants should refrain from spitting whether in dugouts in or the field.