

# Guidance for Group Sports

## ***STATUS: OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS***

Group sports are allowed to open under the limitations in Governor Reeves' Executive [Order 1491](#) summarized below.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP SPORTS PRACTICE**

- Organizers/Coaches are required to provide all players and their parents/guardians a copy of Executive [Order 1491](#).
- Organizers/Coaches shall conduct a screening of all players and coaching staff at the beginning of their shifts. Such daily screening shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home: (1) have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days; (2) are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat; (3) have you had a fever in the last 48 hours; (4) have you had new loss of taste or smell; and (5) have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- All participants shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their coach, and any employee who exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
- Park personnel, volunteers and coaches shall ensure social distancing is maintained between players during practice as much as possible.
- Players and coaches shall sanitize their hands before entering the field for practice and after practice.
- Dugouts shall not be used during practice. Players' bags and equipment shall be lined up against the fence at least 6 feet apart.
- Parents must remain in their cars during practice.
- Players should use their own equipment, and any shared equipment shall be sanitized by the coach before and after each practice.
- Players shall bring their own water/beverages and snacks. Shared drinking fountains, coolers and snacks are prohibited.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GAMES**

- Organizers/Coaches are required to provide all players and their parents/guardians a copy of Executive [Order 1491](#).
- Organizers/Coaches shall conduct a daily screening of all players and coaching staff at the beginning of their shifts. Such daily screening shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home: (1) have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days; (2) are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat; (3) have you had a fever in the last 48 hours; (4) have you had new loss of taste or smell; and (5) have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- All participants shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their coach, and any employee who exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
- Coaches shall ensure social distancing is maintained between players as much as possible.

- Players and coaches shall sanitize their hands before entering the field for a game and after each game.
- For the safety of the players, dugouts may be used during games. To the extent possible, players shall social distance while in the dugout.
- Players should use their own equipment, and any shared equipment shall be sanitized by the coach before and after each game.
- Players shall bring their own water/beverage and snacks. Shared drinking fountains, coolers and snacks are prohibited.
- Concession stands shall remain closed.
- Notwithstanding park or tournament rules, players and fans shall be allowed to bring to the field/complex personal coolers containing water/beverages and snacks for their personal use.
- Post-game interaction between teams such as handshakes, high five, etc. is prohibited. Coaches and tournament organizers are encouraged to develop other distance appropriate measures to show good sportsmanship.
- When a game ends, the teams leaving the field shall sanitize the dugout area and the party responsible for sanitizing the dugout area shall be established before the game commences.
- No post-game talks at the field are permitted. Fans and players shall immediately leave the field and return to their cars.
- Fan attendance shall be limited to two household members of each player on the field.
- A sign shall be posted at all points of entry and at each field mandating that fans shall maintain at all times a minimum of six feet of separation from persons not in their household.
- The use of bleachers for fans is prohibited. Fans must bring their own chairs or stand. Fans from different households shall maintain a distance of 6 feet of separation.
- Fans are encouraged to wear a face covering, covering their nose and mouth, while attending games.
- Every league, tournament, event or facility shall have a dedicated Safety Officer to ensure that all elements of social distancing are enforced. The Safety Officer shall have sufficient staff to ensure that strict social distancing is observed by all players, coaches and fans at all times.
- Fans for upcoming games must remain in their cars until the teams and fans from the preceding game have exited from and around the field.

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