



MATHEWSON MCCARTHY BASEBALL



Mathewson McCarthy Baseball Covid-19 Return to Play Safety Plan and Procedures

**** Mask usage is required whenever social distancing cannot be achieved ****

- Follow any and all state and local guidelines related to facilities and events.
- Directors, players, umpires, and spectators must adhere to the guidelines from CDC, state, and local authorities regarding potential travel restrictions and stay-at-home orders.
- All participants (including directors, players, coaches, and spectators) **MUST** conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home. Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell.
- For each event, a representative of each team will be required to complete a Mathewson McCarthy Baseball Covid-19 Tracing Form. Once completed, forms should be submitted to the MMB Director on Duty.
 - In the event that an individual associated with MMB tests positive for Covid-19, the Tracing Form will assist league representatives in notifying those with potential exposure. This information will be communicated in a notification stating, "An individual associated with the (Team Name) has tested positive for Covid-19. Please take any and all necessary precautions to ensure your health and help reduce the spread of Covid-19."

Practices

- Players and coaches may not arrive at the field prior to the designated arrival time for their game.
- Spectators should not be on the premises outside of drop-off and pick-up during practices.
- Coaches should divide players into groups of no more than 10 and establish rotating shifts when possible.
- Coaches and players should wear face coverings at all times when **not actively participating** in the field of play.
- Player equipment should be hung/placed at designated markers within the dugout. These markers will be spaced to allow for optimal social distancing.
- Players should bring a pop-up or folding chair for use outside of the dugout.



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- Coaches will keep their belongings in the designated location outside of the dugout.
- Players should limit any sharing of playing equipment, bats, gloves, catcher's gear, etc.
- Players will be expected to have their own helmet. If he/she is not able to provide a helmet a sanitized helmet will be provided by the league.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to supply their players with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for cleaning hands during practice.
- Teams will be required to clean both dugouts of all trash and other items after each practice, and to clean hard surfaces such as benches and bat racks.
- Upon arriving at a dugout, teams are to disinfect hard surface areas such as benches and bat racks.
- Players and coaches will not be allowed to chew candy, sunflower seeds, or gum.
- Players should bring their own personal water bottle labeled with their name. No team water cooler or water bottle will be used.

Games

- Players and coaches may not arrive at the field prior to the designated arrival time for their game.
- Spectators are encouraged to wait in their vehicles until just before the start of the game.
- The managers meeting at home plate should be limited to one coach from each team plus umpires. No players should attend the plate meeting. All those participating in the meeting must remain 6 feet apart at all times.
- Game balls must be designated to each team for use while that team is playing defense.
- On a foul ball, the ball should be retrieved by a member of the fielding team (coach or player).
- Umpires will limit their contact with the ball and players will retrieve pass balls.
- No handshakes, high fives, or group gatherings on the field. Any post-game team meetings should be conducted virtually.
- Umpires will wear a mask at all times on the field of play.
- Plate umpires will stand behind the pitcher rather than the catcher.
- All coaches and players **MUST** wear face coverings in the dugouts at all times.
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- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to supply their players with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for cleaning hands between innings.
- To limit sharing of catcher's gear, at levels where live pitching is not used, the catcher will remain in the on deck area during at bats and will enter the field of play once the ball is in play.
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Spectators

- Spectators must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices. This includes in and around bleachers for anyone not in the same family.
- Spectators must wear face coverings at all times.
- Spectators must not enter player areas on the field of play or bench areas.
- Spectators must keep six-foot distance from backstops.
- No bleachers will be available.
- Spectators will not be allowed to chew candy, sunflower seeds, or gum.
- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lot.

Facilities

- Games and practices will be scheduled to allow time for previous teams to clear out and clean dugouts prior to arrival of following team.
- Restroom occupancy should be limited to two (2) or fewer.
- Restrooms will be disinfected at regular intervals.
- Water fountains will be closed off and players spectators will bring their own water bottle or purchase one from the onsite vending machines.