

Arizona USSSA Baseball Return to Play Rules and Guidelines:

1. www.ussa.com/coronavirus has information regarding return to play protocols. Please review these. This link along with these rules must be shared with all fans, coaches and players. Follow all park, local and state guidelines for facilities and events that are posted on brackets pages of websites.

2. 2 Guardians per player may attend the event. Supervised siblings may attend.

3. Masks are REQUIRED to be worn by all individuals including coaches, spectators, players, umpires, and tournament staff when Entering the Park, While in the Park, and Exiting the Park. Players Only may remove their masks once on the designated field surface. Spectators may remove their masks once they are in a spectating area and maintaining social distance. This policy will be enforced by staff wearing an orange vest. No person shall enter any park without a mask. Anyone not following this policy will be removed from the park. If a guardian is removed from the park, the player will be removed as well due to safe play law regarding supervision. We hope all individuals are understanding of this policy to continue with youth baseball tournaments.

4. All players must be online and approval status must say "Approved (Eligible)" This includes the online Covid-19 waiver prior to the event or the player isn't eligible to play. Teams risk forfeiting if unapproved players take the field.

5. We ask you to self-screen and do not enter the park if you are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus: mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing or other symptoms identified by the CDC or have been in contact with someone with Covid-19 in the last 14 days. Thermal Forehead Thermometers will be made available during events with each site director if needed to assist in screening.

6. All fans must social distance. We understand that families may sit together. We have no way to know who is truly in a family at the ballpark. With that said, no more than 2 adults will be allowed to be within 6 feet of each other. Please bring chairs in case needed to accomplish this. Expect to sit spread out down foul lines if needed and please don't congregate in one area.

7. If we have an issue with Social Distancing of any type. The manager will be asked to rectify the situation immediately. If the situation is not fixed, the game may be declared a forfeit and the team who was not social distancing could be removed from the event. Please set a good example to allow play.

8. When in the dugout players/coaches must wear masks. All teams must enter the dugouts on the back side ("down the line") of the dugout and exit the home plate side of the dugout to avoid unnecessary contact or gathering. Social Distance should be encouraged in the dugouts and players can be spread out down the line behind fencing if necessary. We recommend teams to limit coaches to two and not sit in the dug outs with players unless wearing a mask. Coaches are authorized to sit on buckets outside the dugout on the field. Social distance from each other and players at all times including during warm ups. No unauthorized personal shall be in the dugouts including scorekeepers.

9. It is highly recommended that all players and umpires use their own equipment while participating. This includes gloves, bats, water bottles etc. Equipment shared should be disinfected before and after every use.

10. Players may wear PPE as long as they don't interfere with the safety of the game. Plastic face shields are

not allowed since they are not NOCSAE approved. Masks and other face coverings are perfectly ok.

11. If using a tent especially in public parks, only family members are allowed under the tent. Social distancing still applies for more than 2 adults under the tent closer than 6ft.

12. At the managers home plate meeting, only one coach per team is allowed to attend with mandatory social distancing.

13. If a coach approaches an umpire to argue a call and gets inside of 6 feet, he is ejected immediately. Second offense by a team, could result in team being forfeited from the event.

14. Teams must clean their dugout completely upon leaving. No one is to enter the dugout area until all people have left the dugout from the previous game.

15. Teams are asked to vacate the park after their games are over to keep the capacity of the park down to a minimum.

16. No sunflower seeds allowed in parks or spitting of anything on the ground.

17. No Hi Fives or Handshakes between teams, coaches or umpires.

18. No team water coolers allowed. Only personal player jugs allowed and no sharing allowed.

19. If entry and exit locations are established, teams should utilize them accordingly. Some facilities may not be able to have separate entrances but where feasible, they must be utilized by teams.

20. Spectators are encouraged not to carpool unless in same family and to wait in their cars until 15 minutes prior to game time.

21. All Facilities will have separate guidelines for park restaurants and concessions that must be adhered to. All parks will have bathrooms equipped for hand washing with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds. Spectators are encouraged to bring and provide players with hand sanitizer for personal use. A limited amount of sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer will be available at Director table for teams.

22. If you are not comfortable returning to play with assumed Covid-19 risk then please inform team managers that you won't be participating. This is an individual choice for everyone and no one is forced to participate.