



## NVGSA FALL 2020 SOFTBALL GUIDELINES

**PLAYING AREA** – For all games and practices, the playing area is defined as the field of play to the 200’ fence (or thereabouts) and all area around it marked off (behind home plate, the dugout entrances, and the areas directly behind the dugouts) that are permitted for use by NVGSA.

- Only players, coaches, and a scorekeeper for each team are allowed in the playing area.
- No more than two teams are permitted in the playing area at one time.
- When arriving at the playing area teams are to enter once the playing area has been vacated by the previous team(s).
- When games and/or practices end no post-game/practice talks in the playing area are permitted. **This includes no post-game/practice snacks.**
- The pre-game meeting at home plate will involve 1 coach from each team and the umpire only. No players are allowed.
- The games times are scheduled so that there is enough time between games to allow for limited interaction between teams outside the playing area.
- Game softballs will be provided by the team playing defense.
- Once your games/practices are finished for the day leave the complex or park immediately with no team meetings.

### **Athletes / Coaches**

- Must maintain ten feet of physical distance between participants and spectators, where practicable.
- No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans.

- Must conduct (or parent / guardian) daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or temperature above 100.3 must stay home.
- No spitting or eating seeds or other similar products.
- Recommended (not required) to wear face coverings at all times.
- Athletes whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.
- Coaches should ensure the players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating area (e.g., limiting number players in the dugout and utilizing adjacent bleachers if applicable).

### **Parents / Guardians / Spectators**

- Must maintain ten feet of physical distance between participants and spectators, where practicable. This includes in and around bleachers for anyone not in the same household.
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or temperature above 100.3 must stay home.
- Recommended (not required) to wear face coverings at all times.
- Must not enter the playing area.
- Must keep 6-feet or more distance from the backstop and/or fences
- Recommending that only immediate household members of all youth players attend.
- Recommending that at-risk spectators not attend.

### **Umpires**

- Must maintain ten feet of physical distance between participants and spectators, where practicable.
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or temperature above 100.3 must stay home.
- Recommended to wear face coverings at all times.
- Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still able to perform their duty.

### **Leaving the park**

- Athletes, Coaches, Spectators, Visitors, Umpires should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following practices or games.