



## PYBS COVID-19 Safety Standards

June 5, 2020

In an effort to create a safe environment for PYBS children, coaches, and spectators as we return to the fields in 2020, we have formed a Safety Committee that will carefully follow the state guidance on COVID-19 safety protocols and work with town officials on the latest local requirements. Some of the guidelines we will follow are listed below for parental reference. The Safety Committee will meet weekly to discuss the latest updates from the state and town. This document will be updated as new guidance is provided and be available on the PYBS web site @ [www.pembrokebaseball.com](http://www.pembrokebaseball.com).

### **Safety Committee Members:**

Ian Campbell – Co-Chair Baseball

Brian Balasco – Member

Carly Levy – Co-Chair Softball

Ray Levy – Member

Jeremiah Tabor – Member

Dan Sculley – Member

Dan Baker – Advisory

Matt Rushing – Member

Jim Cooley – Advisory

### State and Local Guidance:

PYBS in previously planned conjunction with other Pembroke youth sport organizations will follow the CDC guidelines for safely returning to youth sport activity. These guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

Additionally, we will follow guidance from the State of Massachusetts on safely reopening and playing. These items can be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/eea-covid-19-cleaning-of-restrooms-best-practices-5-18-20/download>

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/parks-open-space-and-outdoor-education-best-practices-5-18-20/download>

Latest Details: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/outdoor-adult-sports-supervised-youth-sports-leagues-summer-sports-camps/download>

In addition to the CDC and State guidelines, PYBS will also require and implement the following safety measures:

- **“Hit-For-The-Cycle Questionnaire”** for parents
  - Single – I took my child’s temperature less than 2 hours before their practice or game and it was less than 100.4 degrees
  - Double – My child has not experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle ache or pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell)...if they have experienced these symptoms, have they tested negative for COVID-19?
  - Triple – My child has not tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days
  - Home Run – My child has not knowingly been in contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- All parents required to sign a waiver provided by Babe Ruth League (See attached) which handles our team chartering and insurance

Additional guidance for return to play provided by Babe Ruth League here and will be followed:

[https://www.baberuthleague.org/media/317863/BRL.CV19%20PLAN\\_5.15.20.pdf](https://www.baberuthleague.org/media/317863/BRL.CV19%20PLAN_5.15.20.pdf)

### **Additional Baseball and Softball Safety Measures**

- Coaches will complete a mandatory safety training prior to the season
- Players, coaches, and spectators must remain socially distant whenever possible
- Bat bags will be hung in marked 6-foot sections along the fence down the foul line

- Children will remain behind the fence outside of the dugout except for the on-deck batter and batter “in the hole” (after the on-deck batter), these players will be socially distant
- It will be suggested that players wear face coverings
- No sharing of equipment (bats, helmets, gloves, etc.)
- No high fives or handshakes, pre, post, or during game (PYBS will encourage alternate ways to celebrate using social distancing)
- No team water or food/beverage (players permitted to bring their own water, which will always remain inside their bag, or with a parent)
- One parent is required to remain at all activities for children 8 and under
- For Baseball, one umpire for games will be 21 or older (if two umpires are in use the second umpire will be 13 or older)
- Umpires will be certified, adult (patched) for all softball games
- Teams will disinfect game balls each inning they are in the field (or prior to and at the end of each practice) and be responsible to provide team only baseballs and softballs for games/practices
- Catchers equipment will be disinfected if in use and transferred to a new player within the game or at the conclusion of each game
- Only one team may practice at field at one time. We will coordinate to ensure we have no overlap. First practice team must be off the field and in their parent’s car before another team can exit their cars. (schedule 30 minutes apart, finish and start)
- PYBS will designate a “Safety Officer” at each game / event (home team Head Coach) to ensure safety protocols are being followed
- No Snack Bar
- Benches will be disinfected after each practice / game
- Restrooms will be open for use and hand washing and cleaned daily
- No portable restrooms

PYBS will additionally adhere to any additional safety measures deemed a necessity by the Town of Pembroke.