

Return to Play Rules / Guidelines

May 20, 2020

● Player / Coach Safety

- Pre-game meetings will be limited to 1 coach per team and the umpires of the game. No players or assistant coaches allowed to join.
- Teams should spread out as much as possible. Expand the dugout when space allows it and even use some of the bleacher space if needed.
- Players should use their own personal equipment (gloves, bats, helmets) as much as possible.
- Dugout / bench will be limited to essential team personnel. There should be a maximum of three coaches in the dugout at any one time.
 - No bat boys or girls, no score keepers, etc.
- Players will be allowed to wear personal protective items, such as masks and gloves, as long as these items do not compromise the safety of any and all participants.
- Players must bring their own water bottles or coolers and must have their names on it. No team water coolers or other shared items will be allowed.
- Teams will be required to clean and sanitize their dugout before and after each game. This includes removing trash and wiping down all hard surfaces such as benches and bat racks.
- The defensive team is required to provide all baseballs used in their half inning in order to limit the contact with the ball to players of the same team. The umpire will not handle any balls but will be responsible for verifying that all balls are USSSA approved. Central Iowa Sports will supply 4 baseballs or 2 softballs per team per event. When a ball goes out of play, it needs to be returned to the defensive team and should be sanitized before going back into play.
- After each game, instead of handshakes, each team shall line up on their side of the field and tip their caps to the opposing team in order to minimize player contact.
- Submitting scores, pitching, and nominating players will be done via a cell phone app.
- Scoreboards and controllers will not be permitted.
- Award ceremonies will not take place. One coach from the team who wins awards will go to the tournament director and pick up that team's awards. The coach will oversee handing out the awards as he/she sees best, and team pictures will also be at the discretion of the team.
- Umpires will maintain their normal positions on the field. They will have the option of wearing personal protective items as well.

- **Facility Safety**

- Fan attendance is limited to household members of the players on the team.
- The bleachers behind home plate and next to dugouts will be off limits to spectators.
- Spectators are required to bring their own seating to the event and will need to practice social distancing. Spectators should also maintain social distancing of six feet between families and spread out around the field and in the common areas.
- Tents and awnings will not be allowed, however personal umbrellas are allowed.
- All spectators, coaches and players are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer and antibacterial wipes for disinfecting hands and other equipment regularly.
- The use of sunflower seeds, gum and anything else that is spit from a mouth to the ground is prohibited. This goes for coaches, players and spectators.
- All persons in the facilities must adhere to the guidelines from the CDC, state and local authorities regarding travel restrictions and stay-at-home orders.
- Any person who is experiencing symptoms of sickness will be prohibited from entering the facilities.
- We highly encourage all spectators to wear personal protective items.
- We ask all teams and spectators not to congregate at anytimes. This includes before and after games inside the facility as well in the parking lots.
- Any lines for restrooms, concession stands, or others are also discouraged. If there must be a line, a distance of six feet apart shall be in effect at all times.
- Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly. Be sure to wash hands after using the restrooms.

All event attendees (employees, players, coaches, fans) must comply to the entirety of this health statement before entering CIS event

I have not tested positive for COVID-19, had a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, chills, bodyache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or been around anyone with these symptoms (with the exception of medical personnel and first responders), in the last 14 days. I am not currently under a state, county, city or other stay-at-home order. I understand that it is my responsibility to protect myself from contracting COVID-19 or other infectious diseases while at this event. By entering the event, I am indicating that I, (1) am in good health, (2) am responsible for protecting myself from COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, and (3) accept all responsibility and agree to hold harmless event operator, complex owners and sanctioning bodies from any damages that occur as a result of my attendance at the event.