



## **2020 COVID SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES FOR:** **2020 NT BATTLE OF THE BATS TOURNAMENT**

Return to baseball Guidelines:

1. Where ever you are inside the park, you must attempt to maintain a 6ft. or greater distance from others.
2. Family members (spectators) should be limited to 2 spectators per player. NY State mandate.
3. Bleachers are unavailable to sit on. Spectators should bring their own chairs and spread out during the games.
4. If a rain delay does occur spectators should wait out the rain delay in their cars. Players and coaches may wait out the delay in their respected cars or in the dugouts with masks on.
5. Each coach/player should have a supply of antibacterial wipes or sanitizer. Coach will reinforce the importance of social distancing while playing together.
6. No player handshakes at the end of the game. Both teams will report to their respected foul line at the end of the game and tip caps to the other team.
7. Plate meeting. The pre-game meeting at home plate should be represented by one coach from each team and the umpires. Everyone at this meeting must be wearing a mask. No players are to be at the pre-game plate meeting. Coaches are NOT allowed to cross the foul lines to argue/challenge calls at any time.
8. All teams must submit a line up card at ground rules.
9. Players and Coaches must ensure a distance of at least 6 feet is maintained among individuals. If proper distancing can NOT be maintained, individuals must wear acceptable face coverings, coaches, umpires, parents, or players that are not wearing face coverings will be removed from the complex.
10. Coaches must wear face coverings at all times; including while coaching.

11. Umpires must wear face coverings at all times.
12. After each game teams must clean up their dedicated area. Do not enter the dedicated areas till the prior team has left that area.
13. Team meetings should not happen in the dug-out area or on the fields. Please have your team meetings after the game is over away from the dugout areas.
14. Team Water Coolers are not permitted. Players must use their own personal water coolers. NO sunflower seeds or gum are permitted on the fields.
15. DUGOUTS: There is no use of the dugouts at any of our field locations. All players are encouraged to bring a chair and teams are encouraged to bring tents for the players to sit under. Players must space their chairs at least 6 feet from each other, within the yellow roped off area. Their equipment should be with them at all times. No sharing of equipment. The dugouts will be used for coaches (must be wearing masks) and the in the hole batter. On deck batters are allowed to be inside the fence in the designated areas.

NOTE: The above rules are based on the guidelines/rules that have been issued by NY State and the Niagara County Health Department. Please note that County Heath Department may inspect without warning and has the authority to shut down the tournament if they determine that the above rules are not being followed.