



Fall Implementation Plan for Baseball & Softball

This document summarizes all the roles and responsibilities for employees, coaches, officials, spectators and players. This document considers the reopening plans set forth by McAllen Parks & Recreation. In an effort to mitigate the risk and exposure of COVID-19, all participants below will adhere to these guidelines. These guidelines are a summary of a larger operational model that adheres to CDC and state of Texas guidelines.

Executive contact communicating with City of McAllen: Dalinda Gonzalez-Alcantar
Facility Monitor(s): Jorge Leal, Annika Garcia, Ino Rios
Front Gate Monitor: Leo Betancourt
Average start time for games: 6pm & 7:30 pm

Employees

- All employees will adhere to BGCM's general reopening guidelines.
- All employees of BGCM must have their nose and mouth covered with a face mask or other CDC recommended face covering.
- All employees of BGCM must sanitize their hands at least once every hour.
- All coordinators or employees of BGCM must have their own marked water bottles. Sharing is strictly prohibited.
- All employees will participate in the sanitization processes between games using gloves, masks, and CDC approved solution.

Coaches

- Pitchers will be assigned their own baseball/ softball and must keep it in their possession for the duration of the game.
- All coaches must have their nose and mouth covered with a face mask or other CDC recommended face covering.
- Coaches and assistants must sanitize all warm up softballs prior to warm-up.
- Coaches and assistants are responsible for sanitizing shared bats.
- Water bottles must be marked and kept in the player's bags.
- All catcher's equipment must be sanitized prior to entering the field. If a catcher is substituted by another player, equipment must be sanitized. An umpire time-out will be used if necessary.
- Coaches and assistants must pair up players for warm up. Players must be at least 6ft apart on all sides.
- All equipment must be carried by the player or parent at all times and must remain with the member of the household after warm-up.
- No team gatherings before, during, or after games. No post game handshakes. No high fives or physical celebrations.
- Team timeouts must be addressed 6ft apart on the side of each team's dugout and must not be longer than a minute.
- No team snacks or outside food & drinks will be allowed on the premises. Team pack combos will be available at our concession stand.
- Each coach can bring in one equipment bag. Carts and wagons are not permitted.

Officials

- BGCM officials attending any sporting events are required to cover their nose and mouth with a face mask or other CDC recommended face covering at all times.
- BGCM officials must sanitize their hands after every inning.
- BGCM officials must have their own marked water bottles.
- BGCM officials must maintain a 6ft social distance to everyone during games.
- BGCM officials must sanitize their gear at home before and after all games.

Spectators

- Only one adult over the age of 18 can accompany the athlete. Other children are strongly encouraged to stay home but can be brought to the facility if safe childcare cannot be secured.
- All spectators attending any sporting event must wear a face mask or other CDC recommended face covering at all times.
- It is recommended that all spectators carry hand sanitizer for themselves and their family.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs.
- Spectators may not sit behind backstop.
- Bleachers will be reserved for teams. Spectators may not sit on the bleachers.
- Spectators are responsible for taking care of their own children that are not participating in the game.
- Absolutely no outside food & drinks will be allowed on the premises.

Players

- Players will not sit in the dugout. Players will sit on the marked bleachers.
- Players are required to wear a face mask or other CDC recommended face covering at all times, including players on the field.
- It is required for a player to carry a hand sanitizer in their sports bag.
- Water bottles must be marked.
- Equipment that **cannot** be shared: Fielding gloves, batting gloves, and helmets. Bats can be shared if they are sanitized by the coach.
- Players are encouraged to sanitize their hands entering and exiting the field. Sanitation stations will be set up near the dugout area.

Confirmed Case of COVID-19

In an effort to mitigate the risk and exposure to COVID-19 the following procedures will be enforced if a player or member of the player's household tests positive for COVID-19:

-The parent or guardian of the player must immediately notify their coach and the coach must immediately notify the BGCM athletic director of the confirmed positive case.

-If a MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD is positive, the player must sit out for 14 days from the onset of the first symptom of the infected household member.

-If the PLAYER tests positive, the player and the entire team must sit out for 14 days from the onset of the first symptom. BGCM will make every effort to make up all games cancelled due to the confirmed case.

-If applicable, BGCM will notify any individual that was in close contact of the player.

Close contact is defined by the CDC as being unmasked for more than 15 minutes with less than 6 feet of distance between the individuals.

-The player and/or team can resume participation after 14 days of the initial symptom.

Policies and procedures may be modified by BGCM at any time.