



October Invitational COVID-19 Guidelines

DISCLAIMER: Participants, parents, family, and spectators engaging in softball and activities related to softball do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.

SOUTHWEST SHOWCASES COVID-19 RULES, REGULATIONS & GUIDELINES

As to all applicable persons, people should be instructed that if they are exhibiting symptoms of possible exposure to COVID-19, such as fever, that they should not come to events or work until such time as the participant has been tested and/or cleared.

On-field recommendations

- **Teams**
 - Recommended to provide their own water. (None will be provided)
 - Recommended to provide hand sanitizer to their athletes. (None will be provided)
 - Prohibited from pre-game & post-game handshakes/high fives.
 - Teams may line up on their respective foul lines and wave.
- **Athletes**
 - Allowed to wear masks during game, but not required.
 - Masks must be of one color and not distracting.
 - Masks should be neutral in color.
 - Masks should have no designs on them.
 - Recommended to wear masks in between games.
 - No huddles. Players that gather at the circle should stay outside the circle maintaining social distancing.
 - No sharing of equipment (bat, helmet, etc.)
- **Coaches**
 - Responsible for ensuring that each player on the team does not have a temperature exceeding 100.4 degrees F at any time during the Tournament. Responsible to make sure someone with the team takes each players temperature and records it throughout the event.
 - Always recommended to wear masks, but not required.
 - Masks must be of one neutral color with no designs on them and not distracting.
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 - Homeplate conference
 - One coach from each team and must stay 6 feet apart.
 - Exchange lineups with the opposing team, because it's open substitution, umpires will not be collecting them.
 - No athletes allowed.
 - Recommended for lineup cards exchanged from team to team and teams to scorekeeper to be shared via photo or text.
- **Softball Usage**



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- 3 new softballs will be provided to each team upon turning in their roster. Each Team is responsible for having a minimum of 3 tournament softballs ready for play each game when they are on defense. There is not to be any sharing of softballs between teams and nobody that is not a member of the team should handle them. If a team needs more Tournament Softballs during the course of the tournament, they are available for purchase from the Showcase Staff. It is the responsibility of the coaching staff to disinfect each ball when it is returned from foul play.
- Anytime a different ball needs to be put into play, the ball must be delivered to the Catcher for inspection by the Home Plate Umpire before it can be used.

Dugout Recommendations

- Teams should not enter dugout until the other team exits.
- The number of participants in the dugout is dependent on the size of dugout but must maintain 6 feet social distance.
- Allow for players to be out of the dugout. Players should sanitize their designated area before using. Those out of the dugout should be behind the out of play fence.

Off-Field Recommendations

- Employees, vendors, and fans are recommended to screen themselves at home prior to coming to the ballpark. If they have a temperature exceeding 100.4, they should be asked to stay home. They are also not allowed to come to the ballpark if they are known to have been recently exposed to someone with COVID-19 and/or recently undergone testing.
- **Parents/Spectators**
 - Masks are required.
 - Encouraged to follow 6 feet social distancing guidelines and bring their own chairs. Bleacher seating will be prioritized for team usage in order to allow them to maintain proper social distancing.
 - Recommended to use hand sanitizer upon entering the facility (None will be provided).
 - Encouraged to bring their own sanitizing wipes for restroom/personal cleanliness.
 - Proactively monitor their own and anyone in their household's health status. If anyone is not feeling well in family or has a temperature exceeding 100.4, they should not attend the event.
 - Parents should consider limiting the number of family members who attend an event. High Risk individuals as defined by the CDC should not attend.
 - Responsible for water/sports drinks for their athletes in bottled format and making sure they are clearly marked/identified.