

TJYBB Guidelines for Safe Play

TJYBB has determined a set of Safe Play Guidelines that we will be utilizing during this season. We are also following Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Guidelines for reopening which coincide with the CDC. Below are the PRPS guidelines along with TJYBB.

CONTACT SPORTS

Baseball, Fastpitch & Softball

[Further specific information from the NRPA-PRPS Path to Recovery Framework](#)

Physical Contact	Ratios & Groups	Scheduling	Hygiene	Equipment	Minimizing Contact	Player Areas	Signage	Spectators
Yellow Phase								
Organized team sports are not permitted.	Same household members may play pick-up games on open fields.	NA	Game ball(s), benches and bleachers are disinfected before and after every game and practice.	Sharing of equipment is strongly discouraged.	Players do not huddle together; no hand slaps. Sportsmanship continues in touchless manner.	NA	Signage encourages hand washing, healthy practices, and rule adjustments. Staff empowered to enforce. One-way signage and/or tape used to limit player and patron interactions.	Consider removing bases and bleachers from public access.
Green Phase								
No restrictions	Each diamond is managed to not exceed gatherings of 90	Games and practices scheduled with 15-min buffer between to prevent overlap of participants. Stagger start times so no more than half of the complex is changing over at a time. Games may be played to completion.	Game ball(s) are disinfected before and after every game and practice. Bleaches and benches are disinfected every 4 hours.	Sharing of equipment is strongly discouraged.	Players do not huddle together; no hand slaps. Sportsmanship continues in touchless manner.	Batting team may have half of the team in the dugout, utilizing 6 ft distancing. The other half is outside the field, keeping 6 ft distancing.	Signage encourages hand washing, healthy practices, and rule adjustments. Staff empowered to enforce. One-way signage and/or tape used to limit player and patron interactions.	2 spectators per person allowed. Vulnerable populations should stay home.
Phase Out								
No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	Sportsmanship will continue in a touchless manner.	No Restrictions	Signage will be displayed encouraging hand washing/healthy practices.	Vulnerable populations should be asked to stay home.

In addition these guidelines, the board is recommending the following:

- There is to be NO:
 - Sharing of equipment, water bottles, or food items
 - High fives
 - Sunflower seeds or chewing gum
- Umpires will call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher, not behind the plate.
- In age groups where the catcher position is not an essential position, one will not be used.

- In age groups where catchers are needed to be used, each team will have a set of 2-3 catcher masks and only play with 2-3 catchers per game. Masks will be sanitized after each game.
- Each team will have their own set of baseballs and after each half inning, the team taking the field will use their teams' balls.
- Spectators are asked to keep the 6-foot social distancing guideline when watching games. So please bring your own chairs, the bleachers will not be accessible for use and are off limits. Spectators should not enter the dugout or the field of play.
- Coaches and players should do their best to keep the 6-foot distance rule.
- At the end of the game - players will not shake hands with the other team - instead players will come out and "tip your cap" towards each other as a sign of sportsmanship
- When your games are over, the teams will be asked to leave - please do not congregate in the parking lot or fields - we want to keep the gathering numbers down.
- Hand sanitizer is not required for your child but is encouraged. Coaches will encourage the kids to use sanitizer frequently if they have it.
- MASKS: This is NOT mandatory for coaches, players, or umpires. However, if you feel more comfortable having your son in a mask, or you would like to wear a mask, you are more than welcome to do so.

Parent Responsibility:

By allowing your child to play this season you are acknowledging that you

1. Have read and understand the guidelines.
2. Will be responsible for helping to monitor and enforce these guidelines with your families/kids.
3. Do not hold TJYBB or Jefferson Hills/Pleasant Hills liable for any injury/illness.
4. Understand that these guidelines may change throughout the season based upon updated recommendations by PA, the CDC, or the Borough.

If at any time there are any changes to these guidelines, we will adhere to them and communicate these changes via email, our website, and social media. We feel these guidelines give our children the best and safest way to get back on the field and have fun.

Thank you,
TJYBB