



Athletic Field Use Guidelines

4.1.21 (approved)

We are pleased to be able to open our City athletic fields. We know the players want to get back on the fields as do we all; however, for everyone's health and safety during the present pandemic the below modifications are necessary and must be followed to allow continued use. The City has the right to suspend access to facilities if participants, teams, or organizations are not in compliance. The City of Eau Claire is working with the Eau Claire City/County Health Department to support a safe playing environment for facility guests.

It is expected that each community organization implement policies to assure the use of face coverings. Community athletic organizations are required to adhere to the criteria outlined below prior to authorization to access fields.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Review and follow all current Health Department public health expectations, state orders, and CDC guidelines, which can be found at <https://coronavirus-and-covid-19-information-hub-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com>.
2. In addition to City policies, follow guidance from applicable sport governing bodies. (NCAA/WIAA/National Sport Associations)
3. Provide a written plan of how your organization will support health and safety of players, coaches, and spectators, and will follow Health Department public health expectations, state orders, and CDC guidelines. This will require a modified plan for sport rules, player spacing, spectator spacing, sanitizing equipment, cleaning surfaces, managing and cleaning shared equipment, and what the protocol is for health screening and managing positive cases of COVID-19 or other illnesses.
- 4- **Masks are strongly recommended at all times at each outdoor facility for all participants/players, guests, coaches, group leaders, and everyone assisting with the participants when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing**
5. Maintain six-foot physical distancing when possible.
6. **Sign and return this facility use form along with certificate of liability insurance with \$1,000,000 coverage listing the City of Eau Claire as certificate holder and additional insured.**
7. Groups must pre-screen for health symptoms prior to arrival. Pre-screening must be completed for everyone accessing or entering a facility associated with the group's event. This includes all participants, coaches, team personnel, event staff, and guests **if feasible**. Per City policy any individuals entering **an indoor** City building or structure who are not associated with a group must complete an individual health screening form upon arrival. **If anyone is sick, they should not come to any facility.** Anyone that has been in direct contact with someone with COVID in the past 14 days should not access or enter a facility.
8. Compliance and assistance with all public health investigations is required. The **event manager**, group leader or head coach for the home team is responsible for **compliance**, gathering, recording, and maintaining attendance and health screening information. Groups must develop a method to take actual attendance and record all people present at each event to include, coaches, assistants, players, spectators, event staff or anyone else that attends the event **if feasible**. Contact information is **recommended** for everyone attending. The attendance record should be submitted to the organization board immediately following any event. The organization must be prepared to submit the records upon request.
9. In addition to complete rosters, boards or organizers will need to maintain current and accurate records for all organization members including: contact information (name, address, email and phone number) for all coaches, assistants, players, and everyone that attends any practice or other organization gathering.
10. Equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared; this includes gloves, helmets, catchers equipment, bats, and all other player equipment.
11. Sanitize high touch surfaces upon arrival using a solution with a minimum of 60% alcohol content. Cleaning instructions, training, and products must be provided by the organization.
12. Groups may access a facility 15 minutes before their scheduled time of use or play. Coaches/Group Leaders must complete health screening and attendance for everyone associated with their group, including spectators.
13. At the end of the scheduled time all attendees must leave the facility within 10 minutes to reduce comingling with the next arrival.
14. All groups must have an adult supervising the group while at the athletic field/court. Students are not permitted to supervise (except UWEC events).
15. Compliance with posted signage including restroom signage which limits number of people permitted to enter at one time and/or designates certain bathrooms as closed.

16. Concession products and snack items are allowed. Shared snacks or fruit are not permitted. **Concession products should be planned for quick distribution to prevent forming long lines or gathering. It is recommended that 6' distancing be marked for waiting lines.**
17. No team water coolers or shared drinking station. Players and team personnel should bring individual labeled water bottles. Facility drinking fountains may not be available.
18. Players and team personnel shall refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact. Drill explanations and team talks should be done while maintaining 6' distancing.
19. Spitting, seeds, gum, or other similar products that encourage frequent spitting are not allowed.
20. Organizations with a current City use agreement will continue to receive scheduling priority.

PRACTICES

1. Practices only as modified to maintain physical distancing whenever possible.
2. Submit complete practice schedules to facility scheduling staff that includes names of each team, field, date, start/end time with a **15** minute spacing between practice times. Teams must not linger prior to or after practices, the expectation is that teams do not overlap.

GAMES AND SCRIMMAGES

1. Masks are **strongly recommended when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.**
2. Physical distancing is required. Everyone must remain at least 6' apart when possible. Only active players in the field of play may have incidental contact. No more than 15 minutes cumulative for the entire event per player. All players not on the field of play must maintain 6' physical distance.
3. Organizations with written legal agreements with the City will be allowed to schedule games and scrimmages on City owned or managed fields.
4. Fields must be scheduled for game or scrimmage use.
5. Games and scrimmages shall be scheduled with a minimum of **15** minutes between each to reduce crossover and exposure to additional people. The required time includes arrival for pre-game warm up. Teams shall leave the facility upon conclusion of their game or scrimmage.
6. Space players at least 6 feet apart on the field while participating in the sport **pre and post-game events** (e.g., during warmup, skill building activities, simulation drills, team meetings).
7. Base coaches are permitted but must maintain at least 6 feet physical distancing from the playing field.
8. Compliant softballs/baseballs shall be designated to each team for use while that team is playing defense.
9. Use of dugouts is allowed. It is recommended that use of dugout be restricted and players and game personnel space at least 6 feet apart along the first and third baselines and encouraged to provide their own seating.
10. Designate areas for fan viewing. Spectators should space at least 6 feet apart, unless from the same household.
11. Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member(s) of their immediate household, if possible.
12. Players should wait in their vehicles until just before the beginning of warm-up or game, to discourage the forming of a group gathering.

TOURNAMENTS

Tournament play must be approved for the 2021 season. Tournament organizers will need to complete the "COVID-19 Special Events and Gatherings Considerations Form" and meet with the Health Department to present the event plan. Post season high school and college play-offs will be considered single games.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Water services will be restored no later than May 15. It is recommended that community groups have additional sanitizer available for use.

Carson Baseball Stadium

Masks strongly recommended when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.

Approved Capacity is 50% Capacity (1875) (2125 w/fan deck)

Press Box: Maximum 3 persons

Locker Rooms: Not available

Dug-Outs: Maintain 6' physical distancing

Batting Cages: Maximum 2 persons

Bleachers: 2 spectators per player, maintain 6' physical distancing

Fan Deck: Maintain 6' physical distancing

Referee/Umpire Rooms: Not available

Restrooms: One accessible port-o-potty provided by City

Plaza Areas: Gathering is discouraged. 6' Physical distancing should be maintained.

Concessions: Pre-packaged items only (Express Operated)

Carson Football Stadium

Masks strongly recommended when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.

Approved Capacity is 50% (1355)

Training Room: Home team room - maximum 4 persons, Visiting team room – maximum 2 persons

Press Box: Reference attached map. 8' and 10' boxes maximum 2 persons, 16' + maximum 3 persons, 30'+ maximum 4 persons

Locker Rooms: Not available

Player Benches/Sidelines: Maintain 6' physical distancing

Bleachers: 2 spectators per player, maintain 6' physical distancing, no visitor side bleachers available

Referee/Umpire Rooms: Not available

Restrooms: One accessible port-o-potty provided by City, ECASD provides remaining for spring use

Plaza Area: Maintain 6' physical distancing

Concessions: Not available until fall

Soccer/Multi-Purpose Fields

Masks strongly recommended when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.

Approved Capacity (2000)

Soccer Park is a game facility, practices should be scheduled at alternate locations. City practice fields are first come/first serve.

Player Benches/Sidelines: Maintain 6' physical distancing

Bleachers/Sidelines: 2 spectators per player, maintain 6' physical distancing

Restrooms: Available when water services restored or one accessible port-o-potty provided by City

Plaza Area: Maintain 6' physical distancing

Concessions: Not available until fall

Softball/Baseball Fields

Masks strongly recommended when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.

Press Box: Carson Hobbs maximum 1 person, Carson Gelein maximum 2 persons per room, Mt. Simon maximum ± 2 persons

Dug-Outs: Maintain 6' physical distancing

Batting Cages: Maximum 2 persons

Bleachers: 2 spectators per player, maintain 6' physical distancing

Referee/Umpire Rooms: Not available

Restrooms: Available when water services restored or one accessible port-o-potty provided by City (exception Fairfax Baseball, provided by ECASD)

Plaza Area: Maintain 6' physical distancing

Concessions: Pre-packaged items only (operations per written agreement)

HOLD HARMLESS

I understand use of City of Eau Claire recreational facilities involves an element of risk or danger for all participants and may cause serious injury, death, or property loss. I understand participation during the COVID-19 pandemic may result in further risk of health consequences. I agree to assume these risks for my organization and release the City of Eau Claire, its employees, and other participants from any liability for injuries, health consequences, and damages sustained while participating in these programs.

Please return signed:

Acknowledged: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____