

Executive Order No. 38 and Tennessee Pledge Guidance
Concerning Sporting Events and Activities: Guide for Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department's Partner Recreation Associations **Updated: 6-9-20**

On May 22, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 38, which provides for the resumption of certain non-contact sports and activities subject to applicable health and safety guidelines. On May 28, 2020, the Governor's Economic Recovery Group issued guidelines for non-contact sports pursuant to the Tennessee Pledge. The provisions of these authorities that apply to the activities of Williamson County Parks & Recreation (WCPR) are summarized below. All Recreation Associations are expected to familiarize themselves with these requirements and are expected to enforce them among their members, participants, team families and spectators when participating at Williamson County Parks and Recreation facilities.

Non-contact sporting events and activities are permitted where CDC and Tennessee Pledge guidelines are followed. "Non-contact sporting events and activities" mean sports that can be conducted while substantially maintaining appropriate social distancing, and that involve at most only close contact or proximity between participants that is incidental to the activity, are permitted where certain precautions are observed. Examples of non-contact sporting events and activities include, but are not limited to baseball, softball, volleyball, golf, disc golf, tennis and other racket sports, cycling, track and field and running events, cricket, swimming, and equestrian.

INDIVIDUALS WHO CHOOSE TO ATTEND AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN SPORTING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT WILLIAMSON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING TENNESSEE PLEDGE GUIDELINES. RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSURING COMPLIANCE AMONG THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THEIR ACTIVITIES:

- **Symptom Checks:** Individuals reporting for a sporting event or activity should be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival by answering the following questions, which will be posted on signage at each location. **YOU MUST HAVE CHECKED YOUR TEMPATURE AT HOME BEFORE ENTERING THE BALL PARK!**
 - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14-days? (this does not apply to medical personnel, first responders, or others who encounter COVID-19 as part of their professional or caregiving duties while wearing appropriate PPE);
 - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
 - Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
 - Have you had any new loss of taste or smell?
 - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ANSWERS ARE YES. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BALL PARK.

- **Athletes and Coaches:**
 - Should maintain at least 6-feet of separation from others when not on the field of play or otherwise engaged in the event/activity where feasible. To further this practice, Williamson County Parks and Recreation will place physical markings in the dugout, on benches, or on/in other shared areas to serve as social distancing reminders.
 - Teams and or players should not be scheduled back to back. 30 minutes between scheduled practices per field to allow fields to be cleared.
 - Should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing teams, coaches, umpires, and spectators. Coaches should regularly review social distancing rules and guidelines with athletes.

- **Spectators** should maintain at least 6-feet of separation from others not from the same household, including in seating areas or bleachers, and should refrain from entering athlete areas. Spectators are encouraged to observe activities virtually, rather than in-person, where possible.

- **Those who can are encouraged to wear cloth face coverings.**
 - **Coaches** should wear cloth face coverings if in close proximity to others and/or if using a projected voice within 15-feet of others.
 - **Athletes** should wear cloth face coverings when not actively participating in athletic activity, including, but not limited to when in dugouts.
 - **Spectators** should wear cloth face coverings when maintaining appropriate social distance from others is not possible and/or if using a projected voice within 15-feet of others.

- **Personal Hygiene Practices:**
 - **All athletes and coaches must wash or sanitize their hands upon arriving and leaving each sporting event or activity. Designate hand sanitizer will be on site.**
 - **Athletes and coaches** should:
 - Regularly wash their hands or use hand sanitizer between activity while on site and generally wash their hands more frequently;
 - Avoid touching their face;
 - Practice good respiratory etiquette when coughing or sneezing; and
 - Limit spitting.
 - **Spectators** are encouraged to adhere to the above hygiene practices.

- **Sanitization:** Staff or volunteers should conduct regular disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, equipment and common areas using disinfectant cleaning supplies in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- **Bathroom Facilities:** The number of persons present in bathroom facilities at any one time will be limited to reduce potential exposure within those confined spaces, and sanitization of such areas should occur at increased intervals.
- **Equipment:**
 - Sharing of equipment and personal items should be avoided. If equipment must be shared, all shared items and equipment should be properly cleaned and disinfected between each use.
 - To the extent possible, the sharing of equipment or balls between teams should be avoided. For applicable sports, balls and equipment should be rotated on a regular basis to limit contact by multiple users unless sanitized.
 - Balls used in infield/outfield warm-up should be isolated from a shared ball container.
- **Food & Beverage:**
 - Individuals should bring their own personal beverages to all athletic events and activities. Drinks should be labeled with the individual's name. Individuals should take their drink containers home each day for cleaning or use single-use bottles.
 - Athletes should bring individual, pre-packaged food, if needed. Unpackaged, shared team food should be avoided.
 - Individuals should avoid eating and spitting seeds, gum, or other similar products.
 - No concessions at this time in the parks.
- **Expectations and new protocols MUST be communicated to participants and families in advance of the practices or activity in question. Recreation Associations must have each team or individual sign that they have received information about the guidelines for using the park and have it on file.**