

BABE RUTH LEAGUE GUIDELINES*

TO ENHANCE ANY LOCAL OR STATE HEALTH OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

*At no time do these replace local or state guidelines

1. All local & state health official guidelines must be followed for any activity to take place.
2. No handshaking/celebrations: Players and coaches should refrain from handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations, etc.
3. Only two (2) players MAXIMUM in the dugout at one time, while also following 6' social distancing guidelines at all times. Remaining players & coaches will be positioned down the left & right field lines (off playing field & outside of fence – if possible) away from throws that might come to 1st and 3rd base. Players will be seated or stand no less than 6' apart and must have at least one (1) Coach to watch over players in this area at all times.
4. Players will not be sharing playing equipment, bats, gloves, fielder's mask, catcher's gear, helmets, water bottles etc. Baseballs and Softballs should be cleaned whenever possible and an adequate supply should be on hand. Each team will play with own set of balls provided by the league.
5. All participants should wear some type of face covering where social distance is not possible in the park, and especially while at the games.
6. Cleaning supplies, as well as hand sanitizer, should be available in the dugout area. Also, hand sanitizer stations should be set up in locations around the park.
7. Parents should be advised to have backup supplies in the player's equipment bag for use when needed and their own marked water bottle or sports drink. No team or dugout coolers are permitted.
8. Review cleaning and sanitation of common areas like dugouts, bathrooms, concession stands or similar areas between games or activities. Teams should be advised to clean out and wipe down dugout or other field areas that they were in prior to leaving the playing field.
9. Limit the number of fans to one (1) spectator per player attending games in the park.

10. Review game schedules to allow for fields to not all be in use at the same time if they are in close distance to one another. Allow for greater gaps in between games to help limit the number of people at the park at one time. For complexes with more than one field, they should look to reduce the amount of games or activities to half of the normal scheduling to allow for greater space in the park.
11. Fans attending games should follow 6' social distancing guidelines at all times.
12. Suggest that any player, or person not feeling well, should not attend games or practices.
13. Review new procedures with all Team Managers prior to the first activity or game at the park.
14. Managers & Coaches should help to educate players on the hygiene/handwashing/touching of the face suggested guidelines.
15. Any team or player awards are presented wrapped up and given to the Team Manager or team point person. There should not be any on field presentations.
16. Provide proper signage throughout the park on guidelines provided by local and state health officials. Contact Babe Ruth League HQ's for help in having signs made at a reduced cost.
17. Pregame conference will be limited to one (1) Coach per team and one (1) Umpire. Social distancing of 6' is required.
18. The use of chewing gum and/or sunflower seeds is not permitted by players, coaches, umpires or spectators.
19. Batting lineup changes should be limited to communicating from a distance that maintains the 6' social distancing guidelines at all times.
20. Have each team keep track and report all of the players, coaches, umpires or spectator's names that are at the park for each game.
21. These guidelines are to enhance your local & state health guidelines should those guidelines be at a lower standard, or not as detailed for the sports of Baseball & Softball.