



CARROLLTON BOOSTER BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PARK RULES- COVID-19 ADDENDUM

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The Carrollton Boosters Board has implemented the following additional Park Rules to address the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These rules supplement the Park Rules found in the Carrollton Boosters Baseball Handbook. These rules supersede any inconsistent rules Park Rules until they are rescinded by the Board.

The Baseball Handbook, including full Park Rules are available on the website at (<https://www.carrolltonboosters.org/portals/27655/docs/2020%20baseball/baseball%20handbook%202020.pdf>).

Temporary COVID-19 Park Rules Additions and Adjustments

1. In accordance with the guidelines put in place by city officials, anybody within the gates of the Complex or Avenger Field is required to wear a mask, including while visiting the concession stands or the bathrooms. Players and coaches are not required to wear masks while participating in games, warming up on the field, or hitting in the batting cages.
2. Players are permitted to wear masks or other PPE while participating in games or other team activities, so long as those items do not compromise the safety of the player or other participants in the game.
3. Parents, guardians, siblings and other spectators accompanying a player to a game must wait outside of the gates of the main complex, at a safe social distance from other family groups, until the end of the game preceding the player's game. Players may join their teams to warm up prior to the end of the preceding game. One parent, guardian, or older sibling may accompany the player to join his or her team, but then must return outside the gates until the game preceding the player's game ends.
4. Dugouts and bleachers will be reserved for teams playing in games. Boxes have been painted down the foul lines and around the outfield of each field for spectators to watch the games. Each family group is asked to occupy one box, and no more than one family group per box. To reduce crowding, family groups are asked to send no more than two individuals for trips to the concession stand. Families are also asked to leave their boxes promptly after the game ends so that spectators can set up for the next game.
5. Dugouts should be occupied by no more than three players at a time. Any additional players not participating on the field should sit in the bleachers at a safe distance from one another.

Players returning to the dugout retrieve equipment between innings should be encouraged to retrieve their equipment and leave the dugout as quickly as possible.

6. Teams arriving for the start of a game must sanitize the hard surfaces (benches, bat racks, green boxes, water fountains, hand rails) in their benches and dugouts using the disinfecting wipes or sprays provided.
7. Before leaving dugouts and bleachers at the end of a game, teams must sanitize the hard surfaces (benches, bat racks, green boxes, hand rails) in their benches and dugouts using the disinfecting wipes and/or sprays provided.
8. Catchers' gear should be sanitized using disinfecting wipes or sprays before every game or practice, any time there is a change of catcher, and after every game or practice.
9. Shared coolers and water bottles are prohibited. Water fountains have been disabled.
10. The team drink program is temporarily suspended in order to help avoid crowding at the concession stand.
11. For the 7/8 leagues and above, the visiting team must designate one family to operate the scoreboard for each game. The family operating the scoreboard will be allowed to sit in the scorekeeper's box, and are not required to wear masks while they are within the scorekeeper's box. The family operating the scoreboard must sanitize all hard surfaces within the scorekeeper's box (including the scoreboard equipment, table, and stools) before and after each game.
12. Players who test positive for COVID-19 or who miss games due to symptoms associated with COVID-19 (which, according to CDC guidelines, include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell) must be cleared by a physician to return to play, and may not participate in any team activities until being cleared to return to play.
13. High fives, fist bumps, handshakes, and other interactions that involve physical touch among players, coaches, and umpires are prohibited. Instead of the traditional postgame handshake line, each team will line up outside their respective dugouts and tip their caps to the opposing team.

Best practices and reminders:

- Hand sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the park, courtesy of our partners at Children's Hospital. All encouraged to use them frequently, especially after coming into contact with shared surfaces.
- Decals have been placed in the concession stand area to demonstrate proper distancing. Other signs will be posted at our facilities to encourage social distancing and other safety practices. Please observe them!
- Players are strongly encouraged to bring their own bats and helmets, and to use batting gloves. Any shared equipment should be sanitized between uses.
- Coaches are encouraged to minimize the changing of catchers in order to minimize sharing of catchers' gear. See Rule 7 above with respect to sanitization of catchers' gear.
- Players who are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19, or who have been in contact with others confirmed or suspected to have been infected with COVID-19, are asked not to attend practices or games.