



**TOWN OF CORNELIUS SUPPLEMENTAL RULES & GUIDELINES FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL RETURN TO PLAY**  
*Effective July 10, 2020*

**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ACTIVITIES**

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT FOR ALL TOWN OF CORNELIUS OPERATED FIELDS BEGINNING JULY 10 AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ***Subject to change based on state or local guidelines and any future Executive Orders***

- Authorized Representative of Organization (hereinafter, “Representative”) using/reserving the field agrees to abide by the NC Department of Health and Human Services Interim Guidance for Administrators and Participants of Youth, College & Amateur Sports Programs, dated May 22, 2020, and Supplementary Guidance for Sporting Events Held in Outdoor Facilities, dated June 10, 2020 (guidance documents attached).
- Representative will conduct symptom screenings of all athletes, coaches, staff and participants prior to the start of each day’s activity, in accordance with guidance documents referenced above.
- Representative will have a plan in place to remove anyone from the facility immediately if symptoms develop.
- All restrictions and requirements will be enforced by the Representative of each organization that is renting the fields. Failure to enforce these restrictions will impact the ability to finish the tournament, game, or practice as well as the ability to host future tournaments, games, or practices with the Town of Cornelius.
- NO food trucks or concession stands allowed by Representative.
- NO gates for collecting entrance fees allowed. However, for approved tournament facilities gate fees may be collected pre-event through the registration process hosted by Representative. Representative is responsible for enforcing the 25-person spectator limit, notifying spectators who purchase tickets of the limit, and determining who attends and who does not attend if more tickets have been purchased than spaces allowed for any game.
- Representative will enforce compliance with the Mass Gathering limits both on and off the fields as outlined in the **Detailed Guidance for Outdoor Field Sports (provided by NCDHHS)**:
  - ***Per Section 7(A) of Executive Order No. 141, the Mass Gathering limit of 25 individuals outdoors applies to groups of people who gather together in a park, which would include an outdoor baseball, outdoor soccer, or other outdoor sports field.***
  - ***Accordingly, each youth, amateur, or collegiate sports team may have up to 25 individuals participate in outdoor sports practice or competition, which includes athletes, coaches, trainers and other support staff.***
  - ***Spectators or other attendees at outdoor sports practice or competitions, provided they are separated from the outdoor field by at least 6 feet, are subject to a separate 25-person cap. Each***

*outdoor baseball, outdoor soccer, or other outdoor field, if part of a larger outdoor sports complex, may be counted separately. By way of example, if there are 4 adjoining outdoor softball fields as part of an outdoor sports complex, each of the 4 fields may have up to 25 individuals on each sports team (counted as described above), with up to 25 spectators on each field.*

- See attached map for layout of spectator and player areas.
- Representative shall schedule tournament play, games, and practices to include adequate buffer times between games and between practices to allow players, coaches, participants, and staff to enter and exit the facility with limited interaction.

### **FANS /SPECTATORS**

- **EACH FIELD IS ALLOWED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 25 SPECTATORS.**
- Fans are to be at least six feet (6') apart at all times unless they are from the same household.
- No seating will be allowed behind home plate areas except for accessible seating and a scorekeeper.
- Masks are required if six (6') feet of social distancing cannot be maintained and are highly recommended to help stop the spread of germs even when adequate spacing is provided.
- No spitting seeds or gum is permitted on grounds.
- All spectators must bring their own chairs, as all bleachers will be closed to spectators and used for social distancing of coaches and players only.
- Spectators may bring tents, but use of tents will be limited to same household only.
- We highly recommend that that all coaches, umpires, players and spectators bring and use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol and USE FREQUENTLY.

### **PLAYERS & COACHES**

- Players and coaches will have designated areas during the game to keep everyone spread out, including bleacher areas near the dugout that will be roped off for players and coaches only.
- Players and coaches must maintain six (6') feet of social distancing when using dugouts and/or bleachers.
- Only two (2) ROSTERED coaches are allowed in a dugout at any given time, along with one (1) player as noted below, to maintain proper distancing.
- When on offense, each team should have only one player at home plate, only one player on deck, and only one player in the dugout. All others must be socially distanced in bleachers or down the foul line.
- We encourage all parents to supply their players with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for disinfecting between innings.

- NO handshakes, fist bumps, or high-fives before, during, or after the game. Coaches should ensure that players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas.
- Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and not be shared.
- Players, coaches, and umpires must bring their own water bottles. NO TEAM COOLERS ALLOWED.
- Players and coaches can wear PPE items if they choose to do so. Make sure those items do not inhibit a player's safety while participating on the field. It is highly recommended that when you come to offense that you wear your PPE items while waiting to bat.
- NO post-game meetings. Unless you are playing back-to-back games, all fans, players, and coaches must exit the facility immediately after the conclusion of the game to reduce foot traffic in the same area.

ALL RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH ORGANIZATION THAT IS RENTING THE FIELDS. FAILURE TO ENFORCE THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL IMPACT THE ABILITY TO FINISH THE TOURNAMENT, GAME, OR PRACTICE AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO HOST FUTURE TOURNAMENTS, GAMES, OR PRACTICES WITH THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I AGREE TO ENFORCE THE RESTRICTIONS OUTLINED IN THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND THAT NOT DOING SO WILL IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO HOST FUTURE TOURNAMENTS, GAMES, OR PRACTICES WITH THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS.

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NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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DATE

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TITLE

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SIGNATURE

On behalf of:

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ORGANIZATION

# Westmoreland Athletic Complex

8430 Westmoreland Road  
Cornelius, NC

Key:



players and coaches



spectators



scorekeeper and  
accessible seating

