



# Tri-Cities Baseball & Softball

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## Tri-Cities Baseball & Softball – Outdoor Practice Protocol **REVISED July 24, 2020 to align w/ applicable COVID compliance**

This protocol is pursuant to Texas Executive Orders, with support and approval from the City of Hurst.

1. COACHES/PLAYERS/PARENTS/FANS **MUST** read, understand, and agree to the protocols in order to participate in game play. Furthermore, we recommend those in attendance follow the recommended CDC, state, and local guidelines and/or mandates as applicable.
2. PRACTICES:
  - a. **Teams Arriving for Practice:** If another team is on the field practicing, then the next team arriving must wait just outside of the designated extended dugout area (on the opposite side of the field from the team currently on the field), and will use the entry from the unoccupied side ONLY AFTER the other team leaves the field.
  - b. **Pre-Practice Warm-Ups:** Zero pre-practice warm-ups may take place outside of the designated warm-up areas. If there is already a team in the warm-up area, the team must wait until their designated field has been cleared to begin warm-ups.
  - c. Sanitizer will be provided in all dugouts (if applicable) and in the common bathroom areas.
  - d. Athletes must bring their own water bottles and drinks. They may not share drinks with their fellow teammates.
3. **PARENTS AND FANS.** Each field will have designated areas where Parents and Fans, are restricted from entering. Parents and fans are recommended to maintain appropriate social distancing, while family units may sit together.
  - a. There will be NO grouping of the team outside of the field of play for a typical “post-practice” meeting, etc.
  - b. Parents and fans will NOT be allowed in the dugouts, in the extended dugout areas, on the field, or in any designated warm-up areas. These are all designated for Coaches and Players only.
  - c. Signs will be posted regarding restricted areas (these are the typical “warm-up areas”, and the areas being used as “extended dugouts”).
  - d. Teams are strongly encouraged to leave immediately after their practice has concluded to allow for the next teams to have ample warm-up time on the field.
  - e. Parents should supervise and facilitate the arrival and departure of their player. If the parent or parents remain to watch the practices, they **MUST** practice social distancing and remain 6 feet apart and spread out in the common area around the outside of the ballfield.
  - f. Bleachers and tables will be blocked off, not to be used.



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- g. Siblings should not be brought to the ballfields if it can be avoided.

    - i. **Clarification:** We realize that this is not possible for all families to leave siblings at home due to various reasons. If you need to bring a sibling with you, please feel free to do so. Siblings must stay with the family unit and follow the social distancing recommendations and other applicable CDC, state, and local mandates.
  - h. Signs will be posted reminding Parents and Fans of Social Distancing, etc.
4. **ILLNESS SAFETY PRACTICES:** Coaches, parents, and athletes must stay home if they have a fever or any reason to believe they are ill. We encourage parents, players and coaches to practice good personal hygiene. We also encourage you to bring and use your own hand-sanitizer, disinfectants, etc.
  5. **DUGOUT SANITATION AND CLEANING:** Coaches must clean and sanitize the dugout prior to leaving to ensure it is ready for the next team to enter and use. This includes picking up trash and water bottles and sanitizing frequently touched surfaces.
  6. **NOTIFICATION OF EXPECTATIONS:** All coaches will be notified of the expectations by e-mail and in person meeting. If any coaches are found to not be in compliance with the above expectations, the follow actions will take place: 1<sup>st</sup> offense= warning. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense= privilege of field use taken away.