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Note: These guidelines will be submitted to Metro Parks for review and approval. These guidelines are subject to change but hopefully these guidelines are very close to what we will follow.

WEST NASHVILLE SPORTS LEAGUE GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19

1. All local & state health official guidelines will be followed. These WNSL guidelines will be approved by Metro Parks and Harpeth Hills Church of Christ.
2. No handshaking/celebrations: Players and coaches should refrain from handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations, etc.
3. Only three (3) players MAXIMUM in the dugout at one time (on deck and in the hole), while also following 6' social distancing guidelines at all times and these players will be monitored by a Coach or a Parent. Remaining players & coaches will most likely be placed in the bleachers with social distance. If the bleachers area does not work then players will be stationed down the fence lines. Players will be seated or stand no less than 6' apart and must have at least one (1) Coach or Parent to watch over players in this area at all times. Flag Football players huddle will be a circular huddle with 6 feet of social distancing. Football players on the sideline must remain 6 feet apart and this social distancing must be monitored by a coach or parent from each team.
4. Players should limit any sharing of playing equipment, bats, gloves, fielder's mask, catcher's gear, helmets, water bottles etc. Baseballs will be cleaned whenever possible (in between innings) and an adequate supply of baseballs will be on hand. **Flags will be sanitized before each game by all players. ALL FOOTBALL TEAMS MUST BRING THEIR OWN SANITIZER TO CLEAN THEIR FLAGS BEFORE EACH GAME. This will be closely monitored by the coach for each team and the WNSL/officials will be monitoring this cleaning process before each game.**
5. **WNSL EMPLOYEES MUST WEAR A MASK/FACE COVERING AT THE PARK.** If a player chooses to wear additional PPE, they may do so as long as it does not compromise the safety of other players. Umpires, coaches and players may wear masks on the field but this is not a requirement.
6. Hand sanitizer stations will be set up in many strategic 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/sideline coolers are permitted.
8. Cleaning and sanitation of common areas like dugouts, bathrooms, concession stands or similar areas between games or activities will be conducted. 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. Oncoming teams will be given the opportunity to clean their dugout before their players enter. The necessary cleaning supplies

will be provided for as long as the cleaning supplies last. TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN SANITIZER MATERIALS.

9. Social distancing of 6 feet is a requirement for everyone outside the ball fields and around the football fields. Football fields will be spaced out as much as possible to allow as much area in between the fields so as to give each field its own space for maximum social distancing.

10. Game schedules will allow for fields to be staggered in start/finish times to minimize the number of people in the area of the fields. The schedule will allow for gaps (at least 15 minutes) in between games to help limit the number of people at the Park/Church at one time. Teams must exit the dugout and the field at the time the game time expires and the oncoming teams will enter after all teams are cleared of the area and the dugouts have been cleaned.

11. Spectators attending games should follow 6' social distancing guidelines at all times. **No spectators will be allowed to sit in the bleachers and must sit/stand by the outfield fences.** Handicap spectators may use the area behind the home plate areas. Spectators around the football fields must maintain the 6 feet social distancing.

12. Any player, or person not feeling well, should not attend games or practices.

13. Coaches should help to educate players on the hygiene/handwashing/touching of the face suggested guidelines.

14. Proper signage throughout the park on guidelines will be provided by the league and will be in plain view.

15. Pregame conference will be limited to one (1) Coach per team and the Umpire. Social distancing of 6' is required.

16. Batting lineup changes should be limited to communicating from a distance that maintains the 6' social distancing guidelines at all times.

17. For baseball, for Minors, Majors and Prep two umpires will be utilized. One umpire will officiate the Rookies games. Two referees will be utilized in flag football. The football referees will be on the sidelines during play.

18. Concession Stands will be open. All Concession Stand employees must wear masks and gloves. No shared food items will be available.

19. Pavilion areas/picnic tables will be utilized but no loitering please. Please follow the social distancing guidelines in the pavilion areas.

20. No post game team gatherings/parties/shared snacks will be allowed at the Park/Church.

21. Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every few hours (depending on usage).

22. **Pets are discouraged in the Park/Church due to social distancing guidelines. If Pets become an issue with social distancing the WNSL has the right to change the guideline and ask for pets to stay away from the playing areas.**

23. All WNSL employees, umpires and referees will be screened before their work and their temperatures taken.

24. If the cages become an area of congestion and social distancing becomes a problem the cages will be closed.

25. Anyone found in repeated violations of these guidelines will be asked not to take part in future sports activities at the Park for this season.

26. For injuries, coaches and umpires must follow the WNSL concussion/head injury policy. Coaches, umpires and off the field help must wear a mask when attending to an injured player. If there is an open wound then gloves/mask must be worn by those attending to the player.

27. The WNSL management reserves the right to change any of the guidelines at any time to ensure the utmost safety and well-being of the players, the officials, the spectators and workers are first and foremost. If the guidelines are not strict enough or not being followed and the WNSL management feels like things need to be tightened up, WNSL management will do just that- tighten up the guidelines for safety and well-being.

WE STAYED HOME.

WE STOPPED THE SPREAD.

WE SAVED LIVES.

WE WILL PLAY SPORTS.