



Flower Mound Youth Sports Association

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR A RETURN TO FULL TEAM PRACTICE

THIS GOES INTO EFFECT ON 5/31 FOR FULL TEAM PRACTICES

Date: **May 26, 2020**

To: **ALL FMVSA MEMBERS**

We are pleased to announce that per the Governor's new executive order, a Path Forward for a return to **FULL TEAM PRACTICE** has been authorized!

We can resume **FULL TEAM PRACTICES on Sunday May 31st!** This is pursuant to Governor Abbott's Executive Order and with support and approval from the Town of Flower Mound. (*Social Distancing will still be REQUIRED; see details below.*)

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR FULL TEAM PRACTICES:

1. Practices days & times will remain as scheduled from the Coaches Meeting.
 - a. If you are unsure of your scheduled practice time, simply email "fields," and state team name and age group and ask what practice times we have on record for you.
2. Coaches are to follow normal cancellation policies by emailing "fields." (*Due to demand for practice field time, this is an absolute requirement to keep your assigned slot.*)
3. Coaches are to follow normal policies for requesting additional practice field opportunities by emailing "fields". Email (do NOT text), between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. If requesting/cancelling for the weekends, please make request, or cancel by Friday at 2:00 PM.
4. **COACHES MUST READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.**
5. **ARRIVAL PROTOCOLS FOR PRACTICES.** The "first team" takes the First Base Dugout, and the "second team" will take the Third Base Dugout. This allows a buffer to have teams arrive and depart without any potential clustering of multiple teams at the same entry/exit. (*Teams alternate dugouts throughout the day on the weekends.*)
6. **USE OF DUGOUTS for Practices.** As stated above each field will have two (2) designated ENTRY POINTS (First Base Dugout and Third Base Dugout). One for each TEAM to arrive (and depart) and set up their equipment bags, coaches gear, etc. Parents/fans are restricted from these areas:
 - a. **PLEASE NOTE: Dugouts should NOT be utilized for Practices...*Equipment Bags are to be hung on the fence or placed down along the fence line at 6' spacing immediately outside the dugout and down the foul line fencing ON THE FIELD SIDE OF THE FENCE.*** Parents are restricted from entering the playing field, and other areas designated as "Warm Up Areas", or "Coaches and Players Only Areas."
7. **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 in the designated common areas. ALL pre-practice warm-ups are RESTRICTED to designated Warm-Up Areas only. If your field does NOT have a designated warm-up area, then you must wait until you take the field to warm-up.
- c. **Water.** The league will **NOT** be providing water jugs in the dugouts. Coaches and Players are responsible for their own water/PowerAde, Gatorade, etc.

8. **PARENTS AND FANS.** Each field will have designated areas where PARENTS AND FANS are restricted from entering. Parents and Fans are required to ensure social distancing is maintained. *(Family units may sit together.)*

a. **ADDITIONALLY:**

- i. There will be NO grouping of the team for a typical “post-practice” meeting, etc.
- ii. 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.
- iii. Signs will be posted regarding restricted areas (these are the typical “warm-up areas”, and the areas being used as “extended dugouts”).
- iv. 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.
- v. 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. Bleachers may be used as long as social distancing, minimum of 6’ space is maintained. *(A family unit may sit together.)*
- vi. Siblings should NOT be brought to the ballfields if it can be avoided. We realize we have single parent homes and that this is not possible for many. If you need to bring a sibling with you, please feel free to do so; just make sure they stay with you, under your control and ensure they practice the same social distancing as recommended that we all follow. If staying at the ballfields, just ensure social distancing is maintained. NO BIKES, SKATEBOARDS, etc. for siblings to use. Siblings must stay with the family unit and maintain social distancing at this time.
- vii. Signs will be posted reminding Parents and Fans of Social Distancing, etc.

9. Coaches and Parents are required to self-diagnose; if sick DO NOT EXPOSE yourself or your child to others, and DO NOT attend your team’s practices. Follow CDC protocol if ill.
10. 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.

FMYSA has been working diligently with the TOFM, our Parks Department and TOFM Government, Denton County, our State Representative & Governors Offices to do everything possible to provide a SAFE RETURN to both practices and game play as we all work through this together!

Best regards,

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