



The Novi Youth Baseball League has established the following best practices for use at ITC Community Sports Park to be implemented at games played post COVID-19. These procedures do not replace or supersede any protocols or restrictions outlined by state or local authorities.

### **General Rules:**

- *All players, coaches, umpires and spectators must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms must stay home.*
- *All coaches and player families must sign a legal waiver before participating*
- *All coaches and spectators must adhere to six-foot physical distancing.*
- *Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the event or practice*
- *Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, are strongly recommended for athletes during the games.*
- *Parents are encouraged to supply their players with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for cleaning hands between innings.*
- *No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.*
- *These requirements must be shared prior to the event with all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and employees prior to their arrival at the venue.*

### **Coach Rules:**

- *Spread players out by expanding the dugout area when room permits and only if player safety will not be compromised. Expansion of the team dugouts should not be done into foul ball areas. Attempt to limit bench personnel to essential team personnel.*
- *The managers meeting at home plate should be limited to one coach from each team plus the umpires. No players at plate meeting. Eliminate the meeting if possible.*
- *Where possible, consider options for limiting scorecard exchanges, in order to reduce person-to-person contact.*
- *Coaches should ensure the players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas*
- *Teams are to disinfect shared hard surface areas (benches, bat racks, etc.) Postgame clean bench area of all trash and other items.*
- *Coaches are recommended to wear face masks and/or have them available in the event social distancing isn't easily possible at all times*

### **Player Rules:**

- *Players must adhere to six foot social distancing practices off the field of play.*
- *Players must have available face masks to wear. Players can wear PPE items in the field of play if they choose, as long as the items do not compromise the safety of any and all participants in the game.*

- *Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation.*
- *Belongings should be used only by the individual player including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, hats, and other on- and off-field gear. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.*
- *No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans.*
- *No spitting or eating seeds, gum, other similar products.*

**Umpire Rules:**

- *Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance while still able to perform their duty.*
- *Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.*
- *Umpires are recommended to wear face masks and/or have them available in the event social distancing isn't easily possible at all times*
- *Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.*