



2021 Modified Rules for Social Distancing

The purpose of these rules is to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, the safety and well-being of all individuals visiting the North Colonie Youth Baseball Association (NCYBA) baseball complex during the continued COVID-19 global pandemic.

General

- All parents are to screen their players before attending a practice or game – if the player is sick or exhibiting any of the currently understood COVID symptoms STAY HOME and alert your coach
- NCYBA will stagger the start times of games to limit density of individuals at the complex
- NCYBA will provide the approved rules to opposing teams and request compliance as condition of playing
- NCYBA will have Board members present at the park while games are being played to ensure compliance

Spectators

- Anyone feeling sick, or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° STAY HOME
- All spectators are required to wear a mask while moving around the facility
- Masks may be removed when seated and watching games
- Spectators should spread at least six feet apart down the right and left field lines and, in the outfield, where available. Family members may sit closer to each other while maintaining six feet from others.
- Spectators should spread at least six feet apart on all bleachers
- Anyone considered to be in a vulnerable population with respect to COVID-19 are encouraged to stay home

Pre-Game

- Pre-game warmups are limited to the field assigned for the game
- Hitting cages are limited to 1 coach and 1 player per tunnel - all players waiting should stay at least six feet apart

On Field

- Maximum of 3 players in a dugout at any one time - remainder of team is staggered outside field along fence line
- Players must not share drinks or food – please clearly label player's drink
- No seeds, gum, or spitting
- NCYBA encourages players to bring their own hand sanitizer
- Catcher's mask should be disinfected before every change - teams are encouraged to limit number of catchers per game unless players have their own catchers' gear
- Shared bats should be disinfected after every use - teams are encouraged to limit number of shared bats
- Hand sanitizer is suggested for all players returning from defensive field of play
- There should be 3 baseballs per game. 1 in play. 2 sanitized and ready for play.
- Backup baseballs should be held by the home team rather than umpire - foul balls should be returned to the home team
- Coaches must wear masks when meeting with umpires and/or opposing coaches
- Coaches must maintain 6 feet of separation with players, including mound visits and at bases
- After all games both teams should ensure dugouts are cleaned completely
- There will be no post game handshakes/high fives – teams should meet on their baselines for thanks and congratulations
- On field post game talks should be kept short – teams should clean their areas and leave the fields as soon as possible
- Families and spectators are encouraged to remain in their cars while allowing games to finish and previous spectators to leave - players can warm up in hitting cage and field as permitted above.

Concession/Bathroom

- Concession stands are open offering drinks and pre-packaged food.
- Restrooms are open but please consider limiting use

Any situations not listed above will be left up to the discretion of the NCYBA representative present at the game. All teams, coaches and visitors must adhere to these rules for everyone's safety. All coaches will be held responsible for their players and spectators. If a team, parent, or spectator is found to be breaking any of the rules noted above, your team will be asked to leave the NCYBA complex. Guidelines are subject to change as more information becomes available.