



# **COACH, PLAYER, AND PATRON PROTECTION**

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## **PROTECTIVE MEASURES AT ATHLETIC EVENTS**

The following health and safety measures will be implemented by the Beaufort County Parks and Recreation Department, along with additional recommendations made by the state and CDC:

- **Effective Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> all staff, officials, players, coaches, and spectators will be required to wear face-masks when attending any adult or youth sport game or practice. Only time a face-mask does not have to be worn is when a player or official is actually participating in the activity. For example, during a soccer game, players and officials on the field DO NOT have to wear a face-mask, but face-masks must be worn by the coaches and players on the sideline.**
- Coaches will ensure all player equipment is properly spaced to limit contact and interaction.
- Coaches, players, parents, and patrons are required to practice responsible social distancing when and where possible, especially in common areas (i.e. spectator seating, dugouts, and batting cages).
- Limit the use of team-shared equipment and encourage the cleaning and sanitizing of this equipment after its use.
- Strictly monitor the health of every coach and player, along with requiring any individual fever, or other symptoms of COVID-19, to not participate in team activities. If at any time a coach or player has any symptoms they should be sent home until symptoms have cleared.
- Umpires and officials will be recommended to wear a glove to handle all game balls.
- Staff will increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing areas of high-traffic (i.e. restrooms).
- Restrooms will be limited to a “one-in, one-out” policy. (Unless there is an emergency)
- Concessions stands will only have canned drinks and limited offering of food (i.e. bags of chips and candy). No food that requires preparation will be sold at this time. Concession employees and volunteers will still be required to wear gloves.
- Staff will schedule practices and game times to allow for additional time for teams and patrons to exit the facility before other teams and patrons enter.
- No post game handshakes following the games.
- Only one patron per bench on bleachers and one person on each bench at the picnic tables, and must be on opposite ends (first come, first served). Patrons are encouraged to bring chairs and to sit six feet apart.
- No water coolers allowed. All players must bring their own water bottles and they must be labeled.
- Signs will be posted at the parks with phone numbers. If you see anyone not abiding by the protection plan you are asked to call immediately. Any patron, coach, or player not abiding will be asked to leave and may be suspended from further participation.

## **PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

Including the above, the following health and safety measures will be implemented for individual athletic programs

- Youth Baseball/Softball
  - The Parks and Recreation Department will NOT provide batting helmets for each team. Players will be required to provide their own batting helmets.



- All players are required to have a fielding glove. The glove should be labeled with the participants name and is not to be shared with anyone.
  - All players are encouraged to wearing batting gloves.
  - Only two (2) people are allowed in a batting cage at any given time.
  - Each team will be issued catchers gear. The coach must assign the gear to his designated catchers. The equipment will not be shared with other players.
  - Absolutely no spectator or parent is allowed in the dugout at any time, for any reason.
  - All coaches will be issued a bottle of sanitizer and are expected to use on equipment after each game, and accordingly if necessary. For example, if a bat is being used by multiple players it should be sanitized in between each use.
  - Pitchers may never go to their mouth, or spit on their glove. If this happens the player will be removed immediately, and the game ball will be replaced.
  - Only six (6) players will be allowed in the dugouts. All additional players will be spaced in the bullpens. Lines will be drawn for spacing. If bullpens are not available, additional benches will be added behind the dugouts. All seats will be in numerical order.
  - At staff’s discretion, additional changes from the above could be made before or during the season.
- Youth Basketball
    - Only one parent/guardian will be allowed into the facility with the child that is participating. This will be for both practices and games. Siblings of the participant are allowed to come in with the parent/guardian as long as they wear a face-mask too.
    - Staff will schedule practices and game times to allow additional time for teams to exit the facility before other teams enter. Participants, coaches, and parents/guardians are to refrain from entering the facility early. They are also asked to refrain from gathering in the facility, or parking lot, once their scheduled practice or game is complete.
    - Parent/guardians are to sit in the bleachers across from the team benches. At NO TIME should anyone go over to the team bench area but the players and coaches.
- Youth Soccer
    - Corner kicks, direct kicks, and indirect kicks will require spacing of kids at least arms-length apart.
    - All coaches will be issued a bottle of sanitizer and are expected to use on equipment after each game, and accordingly if necessary.
    - All throw-ins will be changed to an indirect kick.
    - At staff’s discretion, additional changes from the above could be made before or during the season.
- Youth Flag Football
    - Along the line of scrimmage, players will be at least three (3) feet apart. The offensive line and defensive line will also be three (3) feet apart (neutral zone).
    - Coaches will wipe down the game ball after each use.
    - All coaches will be issued a bottle of sanitizer and is expected to use on equipment after each game, and accordingly if necessary.
    - At staff’s discretion, additional changes from the above could be made before or during the season.



- Adult Sports (Baseball, Kickball, Softball)

- All players are required to have a fielding glove. The glove should be labeled with the participants name and is not to be shared with anyone.
- Only two (2) people are allowed in a batting cage at any given time.
- No spectators or scorekeepers are allowed in the dugout at any time, for any reason.
- No gathering in the parking lot after games. All players will be expected to leave the site as soon as the game has ended.
- At staff's discretion, additional changes from the above could be made before or during the season.