

MIDDLESEX 60 SOFTBALL LEAGUE PROGRAM PREPARATION PLAN

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Reference: Program Preparation Plan 2020

Goal: To instruct all the members of the league the safety requirements under Executive Order No. 149 permitting outdoor sporting activities, including organized sports in manner that does not involve person to person contact or routinely entail individuals interacting within six feet of one another, which may resume for practice on June 22, 2020 and for league play starting on July 6, 2020 in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health "Guidance for Sports Activities" and abiding with the Old Bridge Township Field/Facilities Rules and Recreations by Permit Holders.

1. Preparing a Sports Program for Practices and Games

- a. Having reviewed the guidelines that are relevant to our league, the officers and managers of the league agree to implement and adhere to the following procedures:
 1. Managers will be solely responsible for making sure their player follow all the relevant safety guidelines of the Program Preparation Plan, and will ask anyone who does not comply to leave the field area.
 2. Players and umpires will have their temperatures taken at the start of each practice/game: if anyone has a fever above 100.4 degrees F. he will be sent home. Players will not be permitted to return without a doctor's note stating it's safe to do so. Players and umpires will fill out a health questionnaire before each practice/game.
 3. Anyone who is not feeling well in recent days will be told not to come to the field or to leave the field area
 4. Players can bring their own chairs for use when not on the field or on deck, and place them six feet apart behind the dugout area. They can stand six feet apart behind the dugout or along the fence. Players will keep their equipment bags outside the

dugout and six feet apart. The dugout will be used by the manager and the next on deck batter. The bats will be kept in dugout or behind the backstop depending upon which field used

5. Players will be encouraged to wear face covering when seated in their chairs and going to from the fields.
6. Players will be told to bring their own drink and snacks. If players choose to socialize after the games, they will do so from six feet apart and not share food or beverages.
7. Teams will be told to provide hand sanitizers and sanitizing wipes to use frequently on hands, bats and especially balls which will be wiped down every half inning. To further limit share use, each team will use its own balls when at bat.
8. Players will be told not to share bats and equipment. The only Player who should touch a bat other than the batter himself is the on-deck batter, who can collect a bat by picking it up by the barrel, if the batter reaches base, he must return it to the backstop.
9. To further limit the chance of close contact while in the field there will be no sliding, run downs, or tagging plays. The catcher and umpire will be instructed to stand six feet behind the batter. The umpire will be encouraged to wear face covering.
10. No high-fives, hugs or handshakes will be permitted before, or after games. Managers will be permitted to speak to the umpire before the game to discuss the rules while keeping social distancing.
11. The county/municipality that runs the field will be encouraged to provide signage reminding participants of social distancing.
12. Spectators will be discouraged. If they choose to come, they should bring their own chairs keeping them six feet apart and encouraged to wear face coverings.

Respectfully submitted for your review and your approval,

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