

MERCER OVER 50 SOFTBALL

RULES OF PLAY DURING COVID – 19

GENERAL:

Social distancing will be practiced at all times for the safety of the players.

If you do not feel well and/or running a temperature, you will not play so stay home and protect your fellow players.

Players may wear face masks anytime they choose.

Since dugout space will be limited due to distancing requirements, players are encouraged to bring portable seating with them.

Players should store their valuables in the dugout for safekeeping.

There will be no hand shaking/slapping during the game, and no post game high five. Instead phantom gestures of the like can be made while practicing required distancing.

For teams playing the next game, do not enter the dugout until the previous team has completely exited the dugout.

As always this is play at your own risk. The entities involved all have hold harmless stipulations.

In the unlikely event one of our players develops Covid – 19, please contact Steve Leonardo so that he and the managers can take appropriate action .

Symptoms of Covid – 19, could include fever, cough, loss of sense of taste or smell , and shortness of breath.

AT BAT:

As always, the home team will occupy the first base dugout and the visitors the third base dugout.

With required distancing, we can seat only three or four players in the dugout. The manager will decide the dugout seating arrangement.

All remaining players will line up **outside the fence of their respective baseline. They will need to position themselves and/or their chair at least 6 feet from their team mates on either side.**

IN THE FIELD:

This should not create any problems as the players are well distanced from each other on the field.

Catcher ; Must set up at least 6 feet behind the home plate mat , and near the backstop fence .

Umpire; He needs to line up behind the batter on the side and stand at least 6 feet down the baseline. He also needs to position himself at least 6 feet away from the catcher. For a right-handed batter he needs to line up on the first base sideline, and for a lefty along the third base sideline.