



Juneau Sports Association COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol

JSA Softball will start its 2020 season with the following precautions

There will be a “*No unnecessary contact, No-High Five policy*” recommended to be observed on and off the playing field. Teams should do a post-game cheer and leave the field.

It is strongly encouraged that players maintain social/physical distancing before and after the game – and in the dugouts. Teams should maintain social/physical distancing while waiting for games to begin as well as spectating after their games.

Managers will be responsible for ensuring any sick players are not in the lineup or dugout. Spectators are strongly encouraged to maintain social/physical distancing during games. Signs will be posted and bleachers will be marked.

For purposes of this document Organization will be Juneau Sports Association (JSA). Facility will be City and Borough of Juneau, Parks Department (CBJ)

Prior to League Start/Health status screening – Participants

JSA will require a health status agreement to be signed during the registration of teams, setting of League and Tournament rosters and any other activities administered by JSA.

- 1) Participants must agree not to participate in a JSA activity if they:
 - a) Are exhibiting the current CDC recognized symptoms consistent with COVID-19; People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.
 - i) Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell

*This list is not all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
 - b) Have knowingly been in contact with a suspected or positive case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days;
 - c) Are within 72 hours of exhibiting significant COVID-19 symptoms or a fever;
 - d) When recovering from a case of COVID-19, are less than 14 days from onset or less than 72 hours since the end of significant symptoms or fever; and
 - e) Have not been in the state for 14 days symptom free as long as Health Mandate 10.1 – International and Interstate Travel – Order for Self-Quarantine is in effect.

Participants must agree to inform someone from the Organization if they do become sick within seven days of participation in a league game, event, or practice so that other Participants can be informed that a fellow Participant became sick and they should monitor for symptoms and practice recommended social/physical distancing measures.

Food and Hydration

- 1) If hydration and food is provided by concessions, Organization will abide by current health mandates regarding food handling.
- 2) Face coverings and gloves will be recommended to be worn by concession workers to ensure there is no cross contamination.
- 3) The use of electronic credit card machines will be encouraged.
- 4) Lines will be marked on the ground for appropriate social/physical distancing of customers.

Pre-Game Warm Up/Waiting for Play to Begin:

- 1) Players are strongly encouraged to maintain social/physical distancing while warming up between fields.
- 2) It will be the responsibility of the managers to encourage social/physical distancing of their team.
- 3) Face coverings are strongly encouraged to be worn prior to the start of game play or taking the field.

On the Playing Field/Preparing for the Game

- 1) Manager will sanitize their hands prior to creating a lineup and handing off to an umpire.
- 2) It is strongly encouraged that the Plate Umpire and Catcher wear a cloth face covering while in the defensive position and should maintain social/physical distancing from each other as well as the batter.
- 3) It will be the responsibility of the batting team to have a base coach available with sanitized softballs to be swapped in during coed games. Game Ball(s) and Backup Ball(s) will be sanitized each inning for all leagues.
- 4) Due to the encouraged social/physical distancing of the catcher from the batter, stealing will not be allowed for the 2020 season.
- 5) Players are not allowed to leave the dugout area to congratulate players when scoring or after home runs.
- 6) Players are not allowed to lick fingers and wipe them off while on the field.

Dugouts

- 1) Social/physical distancing as well as cloth face coverings will be strongly encouraged anytime a player is in the dugout.
- 2) Teams will be responsible for providing sanitizer and wipes for hands, gloves, bats and softballs. All gear should be wiped down prior to starting a game. Gear includes balls, bats, gloves/mitts and batting/pitching masks. Bats and balls should be sanitized each inning.
- 3) All bats needing an umpire inspection will be placed along the fence line on the inside of the field prior to the start of the game.
- 4) When one team exits the dugout, the waiting team should not enter until all players have exited, gear removed and dugout has been sanitized. The team exiting the dugout will police the dugout, dispose of all trash and use a spray sanitizer on walls and benches.
- 5) Sharing of beverage containers is strongly discouraged. Players should provide their own containers.
- 6) Sharing of food is strongly discouraged, i.e., nuts, crackers, dips, etc.

Spectators

- 1) Social/physical distancing as well wearing cloth face coverings is strongly recommended for spectators.
- 2) It is recommended that children should not be left unattended while playing.
- 3) Bleachers will be marked by JSA to help with social/physical distancing.
- 4) Signs will be posted around the field with these recommendations.

Personal Hygiene

- 1) CBJ and JSA will make sure soap is available in the restrooms.
- 2) Wash and/or sanitize your hands often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time. Use Hand Sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

Hygiene, sanitizing: Sanitization Protocols

- 1) Sanitization protocols will be posted and encouraged during game nights;
- 2) Provide handwashing capability or sanitizer; and
- 3) Discourage sharing of food and drinks.
- 4) All Participants and staff should wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available upon entry to the indoor facility or outdoors, before joining the activities.
- 5) Coaches and/or managers must have an adequate supply of hand sanitizer available or provide a way for Participants to wash their hands with soap and water.
- 6) Organizations should minimize contact between event staff, volunteers, and Participants to the extent reasonably feasible.

Tournament Play

Results, door prizes and awards (Organized Sports and Activities)

- 1) In-person results viewing locations (kiosk), prize distribution, and awards ceremonies will be done with recommended social/physical distancing.
- 2) Results will be available on-line.
- 3) Ceremonies can occur virtually or winners identified or notified electronically

IMPORTANT: Organization will be enforcing these safety measures so teams can get on the fields as soon as possible. Organization wants to create as safe a game as possible for all players and officials.

We appreciate your cooperation in following these new and temporary procedures as we work together to maintain the highest health and safety standards. Failure to follow guidelines may cause the season to close.

These Guidelines and Protocols will be modified as State Mandates are updated and restrictions are lifted.