



Kershaw County Recreation Department

2020 COVID-19 Guidelines for Athletics

We will be following CDC Guidelines, Executive Orders, along with additional guidelines implemented by the Kershaw County Parks and Recreation Department

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PARKS, FIELDS AND PATRONS

- 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 athletic fields).
- Please keep 6 feet apart while in all common, sideline, and spectator areas.
- All bleachers will be removed until further notice.
- (Bring Your Own Chair) to the field will be implemented. Set chairs to keep 6 feet social distance. Only 2 Spectators allowed per player per game.
- (Bring Your Own Water and Snacks). All water fountains are closed to keep everyone safe. No shared coolers or water bottles allowed.
- No water coolers allowed. All players must bring their own water bottles.
- We ask you leave promptly after your game. No hanging around.
- We ask if you do not feel well, have a fever, or if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home.
- If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, we ask you not come to a park until you have been cleared by a doctor or have had no symptoms for 7 days.
- We also ask if someone on your team has recently played in a game and has tested positive for COVID-19, please notify Kershaw County Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Limit the use of team-shared equipment and encourage the cleaning and sanitizing of this equipment after its use.
- 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 which requires preparation will be sold. Concession employees and volunteers will be required to wear gloves and a mask.
- 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/high fives following the games.
- All spectators must wear a mask or face coverings while at the park.
- Coaches are expected to follow the same guidelines as the players.

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GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

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

- Prior to every workout, practice or game, check for virus signs/symptoms. Parents must not allow children to participate in any activity if they've shown virus signs or symptoms or have possibly been exposed to the virus in the past 14 days.
 - Set-up a designated drop off and pick-up location to promote social distancing.
 - Set-up an area where players can leave their personal items 6 feet apart. Players should clearly label their water bottles and other personal items.
 - Players and coaches should sanitize their hands upon arrival and throughout practice.
 - Assign small groups of 5 to 10 players to practice together for the entire week.
 - Have stations for drills set-up for those small groups to rotate through during the course of the practices.
 - Players should maintain proper social distancing while in their groups and waiting for drills.
 - Sanitize shared use equipment as much as possible between drills.
 - Coaches, volunteers, and on-field personnel working directly with the players are highly recommended to wear a mask or face coverings.
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• 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.
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• Baseball (7-8/9-10)

- 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 not to be shared with anyone.
- All players are encouraged to wear batting gloves.
- 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.
- Only one (1) umpire will be allowed, and will be located behind the pitcher.
- Absolutely no spectator or parent 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 if needed.
- No spectators or scorekeepers are allowed in the dugout at any time, for any reason.
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