

Crosstown Softball Covid-19 Guidelines

The following guidelines shall apply to any teams playing in the 2021 Spring Crosstown Softball League while the State of Illinois remains in Phase 4 of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois program. The guidelines may be amended or updated from time to time by email notification based upon directives from State or local government or public health officials, guidance from other organizations or other events.

- *All protocols set by the CDC and IDPH apply to anyone who is experiencing Covid symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19.
- *If a player, coach or fan feels ill they should not attend a game or practice.
- *Only players & coaches will be allowed in the dugout, around the backstop and in the bleacher area. All fans must sit along the foul lines of their respective team.
- *Coaches should always wear a mask. Players should wear a mask while in the dugout area. Players have the option to wear a mask during on field game play if they choose to do so.
- *The umpire can call the game from the area between the pitcher's mound and 2nd base or from behind the plate. Regardless of where they position themselves, a mask must be worn.
- *Pre-game ground rule meetings should only be one coach per team and the umpire. All 3 participants should wear a mask and avoid touching or sharing items.
- *Screen shots of the line-up cards must be submitted to opposing teams via text or email. Line-up card screen shots must be saved for the duration of season in case there is a positive case of Covid so we can track who was in attendance on any given day.
- *Players should use their own gear. In the event that catcher's gear or batting helmets are shared, they must be sanitized before it can be used by another player. If players use the same bat, they should use hand sanitizer before and after using the bat.
- *Game balls will not be shared. Teams will only use their game ball for when their team is on defense.
- *Foul balls must be retrieved by a player or coach of the pitching team only. No fans or opposing player should touch the game balls.
- *Mound visits can only be a coach and the pitcher (no other infielders).
- *It is recommended that a limit of 2 family members/fans per player at each game. All fans must bring their own chairs/blankets and sit along their respective team foul line at least 6 ft. apart. If fans cannot maintain 6ft. of social distancing, then masks must be worn.
- *Teams must clear their dugout and spectator areas of all garbage prior to vacating the field. Teams should not linger after their game. Teams should leave the park ideally within 15 minutes of the last out.
- *Incoming teams may not enter the field or begin warm-ups until 30 minutes prior to their game time.
- *No touch rule is in effect for all players and coaches. No high fives, no fist bumps and no end of game handshakes between opposing teams or between coaches and the umpires.
- *No team snacks or shared water coolers.
- *No gum, sunflower seeds or spitting is allowed.