



**Isle of Palms Recreation Department
YOUTH BASEBALL
COVID -19 Protocols
2021**

Anyone who has a fever of 100.4, or is experiencing any symptoms including but not limited to: cough, muscle aches, chills, shortness of breath, nausea/diarrhea, loss of smell/taste, fatigue, and/or headache is advised to stay home and not risk the well-being of others by attending activities.

- **Baseball Players will be required to wear a mask at all times except when they are actually/officially practicing or playing a game on the field. If on sidelines or in the dugout masks must be worn.**
 - **Coaches MUST wear a mask at all times.**
- All participants, coaches, event staff and attendees will be required to sign a waiver ONLINE prior to participation.
- Participants are only allowed to bring essential equipment (i.e. shoes, water bottle, helmet, bat and gloves) into the dugout.
- Bats will be provided for all age groups. Coaches, assistance coaches and umpires will help sanitize bats in between use for each player.
- Coaches / officials will sanitize equipment before, during and after games.
- All attendees will be reminded via signage to use hand sanitizer, and to **ALWAYS cough or sneeze into their elbow and NOT their hands.**
- Coaches are required to use hand sanitizer on all players, including themselves, prior to participation, and any time a player is substituted in or out of the game. Disinfecting supplies and hand sanitizer will be provided for each team's dugout.
- Umpires will remind teams that huddles must be spaced out (players stand 6 feet apart).
- Umpires will enforce no hand shaking after games or high fives during or after.
- Water fountains will be turned off, players must bring their own water bottles

- No sunflower seeds or gum chewing in player dugouts
- Spitting is not allowed at any time before, during or after practices and/or games.

In order to promote social distancing and eliminate groups of individuals gathering at the games, the following recommendations are offered and taking preventative measures are encouraged and recommended.

- All spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs to watch games. Bleacher seating will be limited and taped off to allow for social distancing.
- Social distancing measures will be strictly enforced
- All spectators will be asked to socially distance unless they share the same household
- Players should arrive no more than fifteen (15) minutes before game time or practice time.
- Please exit the FIELDS immediately following each game or practice. Post-game or practice group meetings will not be allowed. Teams gathered in groups will not be allowed to hang around the baseball field(s) at any time.
- Game times will be staggered for practices and games whenever possible to ensure that teams are off the field and out of the dugout before the next team arrives.