

North Colonie Youth Baseball Association (NCYBA)

Summer 2020 Modified Rules for Social Distancing

The purpose of these rules is to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, the safety and well-being of all individuals that visit the North Colonie Youth Baseball Association baseball complex during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Parents are to screen their players before they attend a practice or game. If the player is sick or exhibiting symptoms, STAY HOME. Please notify your coach so proper notifications can be made to the County Health Department.

General

- NCYBA will stagger the start times of games in order to limit density of individuals at the complex
- NCYBA will provide the approved rules to opposing teams and request compliance as condition of playing
- NCYBA will have Board members present at the park while games are being played to ensure compliance

Spectators

- All spectators are required to wear a mask at all times
- Spectators at the complex are limited to those with a child playing in the game
- No bleacher seating allowed. Parents/Guardians of players will be required to spread out at least six feet apart down the right field and left field lines.
- Grandparents and those considered to be in a vulnerable population with respect to COVID-19 are encouraged to stay home

Pre-Game

- No carpooling between players
- Pre-game warmups limited to field assigned for game
- Hitting cages limited to 4 people per tunnel. 1 coach and 1 player in tunnel and up to 2 players outside tunnel at least 6 feet apart

On Field

- Maximum of 3 players in dugout at any one time. Remainder of team is staggered along fence line
- Players must bring their own drinks, no shared drinks. Please clearly label the player's drink.
- No seeds, gum, or spitting
- NCYBA encourages players to bring their own hand sanitizer as well
- Catcher mask disinfected before every change. Teams are encouraged to limit number of catchers per game unless players have their own catchers gear
- Shared bats should be disinfected after every use. Teams are encouraged to limit number of shared bats.
- Hand sanitizer applied by all players returning from defensive field of play. (Spray sanitizer in each dugout).
- 3 baseballs per game. 1 in play. 2 sanitized and ready for play.
- Backup baseballs held by home team head coach rather than umpire. Foul balls returned to home team head coach
- No coaches will be allowed on the field to argue a call with an umpire

- Coaches must maintain 6 feet of separation with players at all times, including mound visits and bases
- After game, each team must sanitize its dugout
- No post game handshake or interaction between teams
- Limited post game talks on field. Players should leave field with family and head to car immediately following the game. Coaches are encouraged to have electronic meetings to interact with team (zoom, facetime, etc.)
- Parents are encouraged to remain in their car until 15 minutes prior to start of game to limit amount of people at fields. Players are allowed to warm up in hitting cage and field as permitted above.

Concession/Bathroom

- Concession stand not open
- Limit restroom use to emergency only

Any instances not listed above will be left up to the NCYBA representative present at the game. All teams and coaches must adhere to these rules for the safety of everyone involved. All coaches will be held responsible for their players and parents. Anyone feeling sick or ill is asked to stay home. If a team or parent is found to be breaking any of the rules noted above, your team will be asked to leave the NCYBA complex. Guidelines are subject to change as more information becomes available.