

2020 IYSA Softball Guidelines:

Message to players, coaches and spectators: Our goal is to return to softball in a safe and controlled manner. This will no way be softball like we have experienced in previous years. This is a structured safe compromise to allow us to return to a new modified hybrid form of softball. Failure to adhere to these rules will place any softball being played this summer at risk. Please do your part to help us return and continue to play softball this summer.

If anyone is sick or experiencing any of the following symptoms, please remain at home. If anyone is showing signs of any symptoms while at the complexes you may be asked to leave.

- Coughing
- Muscle Pain
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fever
- Headache
- Shortness of Breath
- Chills
- Sore Throat
- Difficulty with Breathing

Enforcement of guidelines will be the responsibility of anyone at the complex. Anyone not following the guidelines may be asked to vacate the complex if refusing to follow the guidelines set in place by IYSA.

Practices June 1st – June 15th

- Practices start while observing social distancing.
- One team per field.
- Practice is limited to 1 hour.
- Split team into small groups.
- Maintain 6 ft. social distancing practice everywhere on the fields.
- No team water coolers. Players must bring their own water bottle and have their name clearly marked on that bottle.
- We encourage parents to purchase or provide own batting helmets for their daughter. Equipment will be provided but if shared will need to be sanitized between uses.
- No dugout use at practice – hang bags on fence or lay them down on the ground 6 ft apart along the fence line.

- Sunflower seeds and other items that require spitting shall be prohibited.
- Maintain 6 foot spacing for team meetings and instruction.
- Practices will be closed to the public. Parents and spectators are not allowed at practices or they must wait in their vehicles in the parking lot.

Games June 16th – End of Season

- Games start while observing social distancing.
- No limits on group size.
- No player or coach may enter the dugout until the current team, equipment is out of the dugout, and the benches are sanitized.
- Pre-game coin flips will be held with one coach per team and one umpire. Coaches and umpires should not shake hands or have any physical contact.
- Base coaches must maintain 6 ft. distances and cannot touch a runner or player on or off the field.
- Mound visits must maintain 6 ft. distances.
- Catchers will be asked to maintain a reasonable safe distance. Catchers gear will be wiped down after use and before any catcher substitution.
- No team water will be allowed. Players must bring their own water bottle with their name.
- Sunflower seeds are prohibited.
- Spectators must stay outside the fence lines (along foul lines and in the outfield) while observing social distancing. The area from the dugouts to the backstop are for players only. Fans are not permitted in these areas. All bleachers will be closed for the 2020 season.
- Spectators should bring their own seating, as bleachers will be closed for 2020 season.
- Players and coaches will only enter and exit through their dugout.