



# PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL

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## **PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL COVID-19 SAFETY REGULATIONS (DRAFT - NOT FINAL)**

To increase the safety of all players, coaches, parents, fans, spectators, and umpires, the following COVID-19 Safety Regulations have been created and must be followed for the 2020 summer season. These regulations are designed to increase social distancing and safety, decrease the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and reduce the changes to the format of the game when possible while complying with government restrictions and recommendations.

*(This document is not finalized and additional regulations are expected to be added prior to the start of the 2020 season.)*

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### **PLAYERS & COACHES**

- Only coaches and players will be allowed in designated dugout areas. These areas include the field, dugout, and bleachers.
- Some players should bring chairs to sit outside the dugout in the designated areas.
- No singing or chanting.
- No eating of food or chewing/spitting of seeds.
- Players and coaches must agree to abide by current public health recommendations for exposure and isolation available online at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>. This includes not attending games and practices if you are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick.
- Dugouts will not be used for practice.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in or near the dugout for players and coaches only. Spectators must provide their own hand sanitizer at the fields. Restrooms may or may not be available depending on the site and cleaning capabilities.
- Catchers should use their own catching gear all season. If your child is interested in catching and you do not have a set, please let your coach know. You will be given a set to use for the season depending on availability of catching gear.
- Each team will provide their own game balls for when their team is in the field. Coaches will need to assist umpires with foul balls and getting balls back to the pitcher.
- No high fives allowed regardless of whether or not batting gloves are worn.
- Social distancing must be followed whenever and wherever possible including between all teammates, opponents, and coaches.
- No huddles or team conferences on the field. No home plate celebrations will be allowed.
- Athletes need to bring enough water for themselves. Put player name on water bottle
- At the conclusion of each game, players will line up at their respective foul line and “tip their cap” or provide a wave to their opponent as a sign of sportsmanship.

