



Youth Sports Reopening Procedures and Protocols – Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department

The City of Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation will adhere to federal, state, local city and/or county guidelines to help avoid exposure and transmission of COVID-19 at all athletic events and facilities. Anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms with a temperature over 100 degrees, or has come in contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 is prohibited from participating/attending any athletic event. Please be advised that by using the website or attending any event sanctioned by the city of Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation, you are acknowledging the inherent danger associated with social activities such as youth sports during this Global Pandemic and accepting responsibility for your health and the health of your family.

- ARRIVAL TO VENUE.

Mandatory:

All participants, spectators, and employees must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the facility/course and not actively taking part in a game.

Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). *Anyone experiencing symptoms or with a temperature over 100 degrees must stay home.

No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.

Parents/fans for the team to play next must stay in their car until their athlete's practice/game is about to start.

Recommended:

Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household only.

- ATHLETES.

Mandatory:

Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices off the field of play.

Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches, parents and players (self-evaluation).

*Anyone experiencing symptoms or with a temperature over 100 degrees must stay home.

Must not share water or equipment. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner or operator including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, hats, balls, shin guards, and other on- and off-field gear.

Teams to practice/play next are not allowed to enter the field until the prior team has finished sanitizing & completely out of the dugout or playing field area.

No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, referees, umpires, and fans. Simply have players tip their caps to their opponents or clap for each other from your side of the field.

No spitting or eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.

Recommended:

Athletes are recommended to wear face coverings when not actively participating in the field of play.

-PARENTS/FANS.

Mandatory:

Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices. This includes in and around bleachers for anyone not in the same family.

Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). *Anyone experiencing symptoms and/or with a temperature over 100 must stay home.

Must not enter player areas (on the field of play or bench areas).

Parents & their athlete of the game that just ended must leave right away for their cars.

Recommended:

Strongly recommended to wear face coverings at all times.

Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is recommended strongly during and immediately after games.

Strongly recommended to not use the bleachers & to remain on their team's side of the field.

Adults over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to not attend.

-COACHES.

Mandatory:

Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.

Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). *Anyone experiencing symptoms and/or with a temperature over 100 must stay home.

Coaches meeting at the plate will be limited to one coach per team. Captains meeting for coin toss will be limited to one per team.

No spitting or eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.

No touch rule – coaches should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, referees, umpires, and fans.

Must ensure that players are following COVID-19 related prevention measures included herein.

After conclusion of game, leaving team coach must sanitize the dugout area/player bench & throw away any trash.

No post-game meetings after games.

Recommended:

Coaches should ensure the players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas.

Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, are strongly recommended for coaches during and immediately following games.

Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

-UMPIRES/REFEREES

Mandatory:

Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.

All staff, Referees, and Umpires will have temperature taken at the start of their shifts each day.

*Anyone with a temperature of a 100 degrees or above will be sent home.

Coaches meeting shall be held with one umpire/referee & one coach from each team. Meeting must adhere to six-foot physical distancing.

Home plate umpire must wear face covering at all times while behind the catcher.

Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.

Recommended:

Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, are strongly recommended for umpires during and immediately following games.

-ON-SITE STAFF.

Mandatory:

Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators.

All staff, referees and Umpires will have temperature taken at the start of their shifts each day.

*Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or above will be sent home.

Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.

Ensure that lines for restroom & concession stand include markings to maintain social distancing.

Ensure that athletic event attendees are observing social distancing guidelines while in line for restrooms, concession stands, and around the fields of plays.

Recommended:

Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, are strongly recommended for on-site staff during the games.

Strongly recommended to wear face coverings & gloves at all times.

-LEAVING THE VENUE.

Mandatory:

Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the event or

practice.

Individuals should not exchange items.

Recommended:

Athletes are strongly recommended to travel home to with a member(s) of their immediate household, if possible.

Face coverings are strongly recommended for individuals traveling to and from the venue.

Team meals and gatherings should only occur in compliance with the guidelines issued for restaurants in the state in which they are playing.