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To The Parents/Guardians of the Solon Stampede Baseball Program:

On Thursday, May 14, Governor DeWine allowed no and low contact sports to resume on May 26. We realize that while many of us are excited to get back onto the field, we will need to take extreme precaution. Attached to the email you just received is a list of mandatory and recommended guidelines set forth by the state. Our coaching staff met as a collective group on Saturday, May 16 to review recommended guidelines, and set forth additional guidelines for our program to follow.

Pre-Game Guidelines

- A coach will be responsible for all players and coaches taking the required temperature check for the first event of each day. Any person with a temperature over 100.4°F will be required to sit out until fever free for 24 consecutive hours
- Teams will not sit in designated dugout areas
- All players will be required to bring their own chair to games; these chairs will have a 10 foot radius of social distancing (side to side and front/back), with two rows of seating
- Players will keep ALL equipment directly behind their seat

In-Game Guidelines

- There will be a maximum of four adults designated as coaches. Their roles will be defined by the head coach, and coaches are required to socially distance themselves
- Only coaches are permitted to grab bats after kids are done hitting; that coach will then place bat in that player's designated area
- While in the dugout, all players are **required** to sit in their designated seats
- Coach designated as pitching coach will be required to rotate game balls in and out while team is on defense

Post-Game Guidelines

- At the conclusion of each day, a coach will disinfect baseballs and any equipment deemed necessary to share (catcher's equipment, team bats, etc.), either at the field or when they arrive home
- Team meetings will be done a virtual platform, with the help of the player's parents; no post-game meetings conducted in person
- Teams must leave premises during tournament games if team has break between games



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Spectator Requirements

- Only immediate family members will be permitted to attend games (parents/guardians & siblings); this policy will be revisited June 30 based on recommendations from the state
 - We understand how this will be difficult for a number of families. We will be attempt to offer live streaming for all of our games through YouTube.
- Spectators will be grouped by family, spaced 10 feet apart. Spectators will begin 80 feet from home plate, 10 feet from the out of play boundaries. There must be a 10 foot radius between all families
- Parents are not permitted within 10 feet of the bench area or the field of play

Practice Requirements

- No more than 55% of players will be congregated at once during purpose of small group instruction
 - Only exception to this rule will be whole group defense, where players will be placed in defensive positions (which lend itself to natural social distancing) that is deemed essential to the game (cutoffs, relay, bunt defense, etc.)

Other Important Notes

- The following timelines will be used for the return of all teams
 - May 26: First day practice is permitted (on private areas until if/when we receive permission from city or school district to utilize facilities)
 - June 3: Games may begin, however they will be strictly developmental in nature
 - Mandatory roster batting
 - 35 pitch limit (finish the batter) or two inning pitch (whichever comes first) limit for players per day
 - Player who is designated pitcher will be removed from field and warm up the inning before
 - June 11: Competitive play permitted to begin
- The Stampede summer season will not extend past August 2
 - We will attempt to coordinate with Solon's fall travel programs to discourage overlapping of our season with theirs
 - If needed, the program will look at sponsoring fall teams, which may require mixing of age groups, as well as added costs for participants