



Huskies Bullpen Club (Baseball)

Return to Play COVID-19 Safety Procedures & Plan

The health and well-being of our athletes and coaches is our top priority. In order to minimize the risk of COVID-19 entering our environment and spreading amongst our community, we will implement the following procedures that all participants must agree to and abide by.

This plan outlines the practical application of prevention strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19 for participants in the Huskies Bullpen Club. Our core guiding principles will balance participation in competitive baseball with the prevention of COVID-19 infection and spread.

Prior to Activities:

- Any player/coach that has tested positive for COVID must STAY HOME and report their confirmed case to the Huskies Bullpen Club.
- Any player/coach that has been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID must STAY HOME and report their close contact to the Huskies Bullpen Club.
- Any player/coach that is experiencing symptoms of COVID must STAY HOME and contact the Huskies Bullpen Club to report their symptoms.
- The following link should be used for any of the above 3 scenarios:
 - COVID Cases Reporting Form link: [click here](#)
- Huskies Bullpen Club strongly encourages an individual with symptoms or that has been in close contact to get tested. Huskies Bullpen Club will abide by the guidance provide below by the state of MN in terms of when a player should stay home or return to activities.
 - MDH COVID Screening Tool:
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/homescreen.pdf>
 - MDH COVID Decision Tree:
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>
 - MDH Quarantine Guidance:
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/quarguide.pdf>
 - Baseball Safety Plan (Indoors)
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iOjcPVYc9uDcq20RMXYCJ1LjhK0AJ35-S-TgPOcjSw/edit?usp=sharing>
- Parents will be required to conduct a daily health screening at home prior to sending their child to practice or games, ensuring they are abiding by the guidelines above.

At the Start of Activities:

- Athletes are not to enter the building until their coach ushers them in. Coaches and athletes are not allowed into the building any sooner than 10 minutes prior their scheduled event. Social distancing should be maintained while entering the building.
- Parents or relatives are NOT allowed in the buildings during practice.
- Short gaps will be scheduled between practices to allow for teams to exit the building prior to the next team entering the building.
- All players and coaches must wear masks at all times. This includes entering the building, during practices and games, and exiting the building.
- Once in the building, players are to proceed immediately to their assigned court where they can dress for practice. Do not loiter in the hallways outside the gymnasiums before or after practices or games.

During Practices:

- Non-participants (parents, volunteers, spectators) are not allowed in the facility.
- Masks shall be worn by players and coaches at all times.
- All participants should use hand sanitizer at the start and end of practice. Please make sure your player has sanitizer in their sports bag.
- Players should practice social distancing (minimum of 6') as often as possible before, during and after the practice.
- Players will need to bring their own water bottle(s). Drinking fountain use will not be available and players will not be allowed to leave the gymnasium during practice unless absolutely necessary (emergency).
- Gym capacity will be limited to 25 people per full-sized court, including coaches & players. This may be adjusted up or down based upon changes in guidelines from the state or local authorities.
- Bathroom usage will not be allowed unless absolutely necessary. Players should use the bathroom prior to arriving at practice.
- Players should not touch their face, eyes or mouth at any time. Players should refrain from any unnecessary contact with other players and coaches (high fives, huddles etc).
- Teams will be asked to leave the gym together so that the space can be cleared out for the next team(s) arriving. We ask that parents be on time to pick up their athlete to eliminate any loitering.
- Equipment sharing will be reduced as much as possible during practices. Players are encouraged to bring their own bat and gloves for individual drills, or one will be provided to them for that practice (supplied by Huskies Bullpen Club). Huskies Bullpen Club equipment will be sanitized at the end of each practice by the coach. Personal equipment used by the athlete also needs to be sanitized between practices.
- If a player becomes ill for any reason at any time, practice will end immediately, and all players will be sent home.

Games:

- Huskies Bullpen Club teams and spectators will abide by all rules and regulations as determined by the host tournament. Guidelines may vary tournament-by-tournament and are subject to

change throughout the season. More information will be provided as available leading up to tournaments.

- All teams should take all proper precautions during tournaments to limit the risk of exposure to the spread of COVID as outlined above.
- Ridesharing and team gatherings before or after the tournament should be avoided.

Facilities:

- Huskies Bullpen Club is heavily reliant on Owatonna Public School facilities to hold practices. Other gyms and private locations may be used based on availability, but we don't anticipate being able to service our team practice needs without the use of ISD761 facilities.
- If the district must go to Distance Learning, the facilities will be closed to everyone and practices cancelled.
- If protocols are not followed, the district reserves the right to cancel all practices for the remainder of the season for the entire association. This will be handled at an association level, not an individual team level. If one group or team decides the rules aren't mandatory, it will impact us all so it is critical we have 100% compliance to our guidelines.

Impact of COVID to our players and association:

- Should anyone participating in Huskies Bullpen Club be diagnosed with COVID-19, have close contact with a confirmed case or show symptoms, they need to immediately contact the Huskies Bullpen Club board. Use the COVID Cases Reporting Form link to notify the board ([click here](#)) and follow proper healthcare procedures as laid out by their health care professional and state guidelines.
- All coaches or players that may be impacted by a confirmed case or close contact will be contacted and required to quarantine per MDH guidelines. The school district will also be notified of any positive tests, including the date, time and facility where the person was on school district property. For an understanding of how a confirmed case or close contact will impact your player or team please see the document at the following link.
 - [Click here](#)
- We cannot guarantee that you and/or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending activities could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19. A completed COVID-19 waiver will be required prior to participation in any activity.

Huskies Bullpen Club is committed to doing what we can to promote a safe environment for its players, parents, and coaches to have a successful season of basketball. Huskies Bullpen Club will be working closely with the Coaches and Parent Reps to provide support and guidance from MYAS, MDH, and the CDC as COVID-related situations arise.

As new information becomes available from the Minnesota Department of Health, MYAS and/or District 761, Huskies Bullpen Club is committed to sharing it and making any changes required to continue our season in the safest way possible. We will be in communication with all participants' families if/when changes to our program or guidelines need to be made.

Respectfully,

The Huskies Bullpen Club Board