WK Summer Softball COVID-19 Return to Play

Under Gov. Tim Walz’s Executive Orders, youth sports that are in operation during the peacetime emergency are required to establish a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.

Youth Sports COVID-19 Preparedness Plan shall establish and explain the policies, practices and conditions the team will implement to meet the industry guidance for the sports that are based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines, federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and applicable executive orders related to safety and health in their environments.

Assessment of Players and Situation

* Before coming to practice, the players/coaches must assess if he/she is experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19 or other illness or are running a temperature. If you are, DO NOT COME TO PRACTICE.
* If at any point during practice, a player/coach start to experience symptoms, you are to tell your coach that you need to leave immediately.
* If you arrive at practice and you are observed exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, you will be asked to leave immediately.

Sanitizing of Equipment

* Girls will be asked to bring their own bats and use their own bats when possible, not sharing with others.
* Balls and bats will be sanitized after each practice. Girls are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and use often.
* There will not be any bathrooms at the field, please plan accordingly.
* There will not be any concession stands at the field, please plan accordingly.
* Do not share individual water bottles, community snacks, or towels, etc.

Practice protocol

* Parents are to drop off girls at practice and then leave. You are not allowed to sit and watch practice. You can however, sit in your car. No socializing with other parents on the field or out of your vehicle.
* Before and after each practice, all equipment will be sanitized, therefore, please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your daughter in a timely matter so that the coaches can do their job sanitizing and cleaning the equipment.
* There will be no parent volunteers for any practice. Please let the coaches do their job.
* During times when players are not actively participating in practice or competition, attention should be given to maintaining [social distancing](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html) by increasing space between players in the dugout or bench.
* The girls will be allowed to wear personal protective items, such as masks and gloves, as long as these items do not compromise the safety of any and all participants.
* The girls should spread out as much as possible. Expand the dugout when space allows it and even use some of the bleacher space if needed.
* Coaches will be required to clean and sanitize their dugout before and after each practice – if used. This includes removing trash and wiping down all hard surfaces such as benches.
* Girls will not shake hands or hug each other during practice. Please try to stay 6 feet away from each other at all times.

Injury on the field

* If your daughter does become injured on the field, proper safety guidelines will be followed by the coaches and administered appropriately. If medical attention is required where you daughter needs to see a doctor, you will be called and expected to arrive immediately.