

HORTONVILLE YOUTH SPORTS COVID GUIDELINES

All players must complete the COVID Waiver before they can participate in any practices, games or tournaments.

- The waiver may be completed online or by paper and turned in.
- Practices will begin on **June 1**. Coaches will be in contact with their teams for exact times and places.
- **League play is scheduled to begin the week of July 6 and run through the week of July 27th for:** Pee Wee and Tee ball, Girls 8U Coach Pitch, Boys Machine Pitch, Girls 10U Softball, Girls 12U Softball, Minors and Majors.
- Our older athletes that play in community travel leagues will have different start and end dates that are yet to be determined.
- **The concession stand will be limited or not open.**
- **The bleachers will be closed for spectator seating. They will be used to properly social distance the players during the game.**

Player Guidelines:

- Parents are requested to do a daily symptom assessment of their player (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms including a temperature of 100.3 or higher and/or other symptoms must stay home and not participate.
- Wearing a face covering is your choice.
- While not on the field, players should social distance in the marked areas on the bleacher. Each player will use this spot to store their gear when they are not using it.
- Each player should have their own drink/water bottle.
- Sharing of equipment is prohibited. This includes catching equipment. Players will provide their own equipment or each team will have a designated catcher that will use HYS equipment for the entire game.
- No touch rule - players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A "tip of the cap" can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- Coaches and players should not huddle up between innings, before or after games.
- No spitting or eating seeds, or other similar products.
- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice.
- It is strongly recommended that each player has their own bottle of hand sanitizer and use it between every inning.

Coaching Guidelines:

- Coaches are requested to do a daily symptom assessment (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms including a temperature of 100.3 or higher and/or other symptoms must stay home and not participate.
- Wearing a face covering is your choice.
- No touch rule - players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A "tip of the cap" can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- Coaches and players should not huddle up between innings, before or after games.
- No spitting or eating seeds, or other similar products.

- Coaches should ensure players are adhering to social distancing whenever possible.
- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice.

Practices/Games:

- Coaches and players should adhere to physical six-foot distancing except when the ball is in play.
- Athletes are encouraged to wear a face covering when not in the field of play.
- For practice sessions, it is encouraged that coaches divide players into small group stations whenever possible.
- Sharing of equipment is prohibited. This includes catching equipment. Players will provide their own equipment or each team will have a designated catcher that will use HYS equipment for the entire game.
- League Games: Each team will have a set of balls they will use while on defense. The coaches will be responsible for throwing in a ball when one is hit out of play. Each team should have a parent/assistant coach dedicated to sanitizing the ball when it is hit out of play before the ball returns to play.
- League Games: Umpires will call balls and strikes from a safe distance from behind the pitcher unless deemed appropriate at a later date to be behind the catcher.
- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice.

Spectators:

- Spectators are requested to do a daily symptom assessment (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms including a temperature of 100.3 or higher and/or other symptoms must stay home and not participate.
- Wearing a face covering is your choice.
- Strongly encouraged that immediate family only should attend games. Children not playing should stay by their family.
- Family's should bring their own chairs and properly social distance around the fence to watch the game.
- Families should go to their cars during rain delays.
- Individuals/families should vacate the park immediately after their child's event or practice. Families should not stay to watch games their child does not participate in.

Confirmed Cases:

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
- Confirmed cases, contact your coach and HYS.