



## Halfmoon Girls Softball

### COVID-19 Safety Plan 2021 Summer Season

This document was prepared based on guidance from the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>) and NYS (<https://forward.ny.gov/>) changes. Any updates from either regulatory agency may result in policies herein being modified.

**DISCLAIMER:** Participants, parents, family, and spectators engaging in softball and activities related to softball do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.

For every softball related event, a representative from the Halfmoon Girls Softball Board of Directors (the Board) will be responsible for the adherence to these guidelines and will be available to address any questions or concerns. If questions are not answered sufficiently by the point of contact, people are welcome to contact any member of the Board.

#### **General Facility Guidance**

The Woodin Road facility is a Town of Halfmoon park being used by Halfmoon Girls Softball. Any other organization that attempts to use the fields without Halfmoon Softball are not included under these plans.

- Anyone (players/coaches/spectators/umpires) who answers Yes to any of the following should not attend Halfmoon Softball events:
  - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
  - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat (that cannot be directly attributable to another condition, i.e. allergies)?
  - Do you have a fever (temperature above 100.4 degrees)?
  - Are you experiencing any of the following symptoms: vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours, new loss of taste or smell, headache, fatigue, aches, runny nose?
- All water fountains will be non-operable at the facility.
- We respectfully request all spectators to follow proper social distancing practices of 6ft. In situations, where unvaccinated people are unable to maintain 6ft. distance, you are required to wear face coverings when around common areas (concession stand, bathrooms, etc.). Please respect other spectators' personal space.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Teams and individual families are required to bring their own hand sanitizer for personal use.
- We encourage that no more than 2 spectators per participating player attend events, in accordance with NYS guidance.

#### **On Field Safety Procedures**

- No handshaking or personal contact celebrations – No handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations. Players not allowed to leave dugout area to congratulate players when scoring or after home runs.
- There will be assigned spots in the dugout and the 1st and 3rd baselines for the players and coaches to stand to ensure a 6ft distance. Players must stay in these assigned spots while not on the field.

- All unvaccinated coaches and umpires should wear face coverings when within 6ft. of a player or another coach.
- Players are not required to have face coverings while playing, however unvaccinated players should wear face coverings wherever 6ft. of distance cannot be maintained.
- Players must have their own helmet, glove, bat and batting gloves. There will be no sharing of equipment, including catcher's equipment.
- No spectators should retrieve foul balls. Players, coaches and umpires only.
- No sharing of food or drinks.
- No sunflower seeds or chewing gum. Players, coaches, and spectators are to refrain from spitting at all times.

### **Game Management and Umpires**

- Pre-game meetings – one coach from each team and umpires. All participants should have face coverings. No players should ever be part of the pre-game meetings.
- 3 coach maximum per team. If someone other than a coach is keeping score, it should be outside of the dugout.
- Make sure catcher is 6 feet from the plate when needing to dust of the plate.
- Huddles off the field with Coaches and players need to maintain 6 feet social distancing, where possible, or wear face coverings, if unvaccinated.
- All field maintenance equipment should be disinfected prior to returning to the shed. Each dugout will have disinfectant spray and paper towel.

### **Facilities & Fans**

- COVID-19 recommendations and facilities rules will be posted in common areas of the park.
- Fans/Parents/Family: We respectfully request all spectators to follow proper social distancing practices – 6ft.
- Batting Cages – There will be no congregating outside of the cages while waiting to hit. No players will be allowed in this area if not in a designated spot. Players/Coaches should wear a face covering while waiting to use the cages. Player/Coaches do not have to wear a face covering while hitting or throwing. The batting cage situation will be monitored closely. If the rules are not being adhered to, we will close down the cages to teams not following the rules. There will be no throwing allowed outside of the cage area.
- Concession stand – Our concession stand will be open and operating at full capacity. All unvaccinated concession stand workers will be wearing a face covering. All unvaccinated adult customers to the concession stand must wear a face covering while ordering.
- Halfmoon softball will use the honor system for players, coaches, and fans regarding vaccinated status.