

RIPKEN BASEBALL

We encourage parents, athletes, coaches, and all of our guests to learn our new ground rules and join us in returning to play responsibly.

THE COMMON FIVE

- **Hand Washing** - We recommend you wash your hands often, and when soap and water is not available, we have hand sanitizer placed throughout the facility for your frequent use.
- **Social Distancing** - Please maintain at least 6 feet between you and others outside your household, following all posted signage throughout the facility.
- **Face Coverings** - We recommend all guests to wear masks or face coverings while outside the field of play. Note: Due to state and/or local mandates, face coverings may be required in certain areas. Please comply with all state and/or local government guidelines, information communicated by Ripken Baseball and posted signage.
- **Cleaning & Disinfecting** - Please be patient as our team performs more frequent cleaning. Help do your part by keeping your area clean and disposing of trash.
- **Health Monitoring** - Daily, self-evaluated wellness screenings need to be completed by all guests prior to entering the facility. Please avoid travel if you are not feeling well. Guests experiencing COVID-19 symptoms while traveling should contact a local health care facility immediately.

MINIMIZING FREQUENTLY TOUCHED AREAS

- Please bring your own seating as the bleachers, picnic tables and other dining seating will be closed.
- Playgrounds will be closed.
- Shuttle services will be suspended (except for staff, umpire and medical use).
- Please bring your own personal water container as water fountains will be disabled.
- Most doors will be open or equipped with hands-free openers.


SCHEDULING FEATURES

- Event information will be communicated digitally to minimize the hand-off of materials on-site. Key documents will be collected online.
- When possible, game start times will be staggered, and we recommend teams not arrive more than 1.5 hours prior to game time.

PRE-GAME

- Baseballs will be designated to each team.
- Please do not share equipment. If equipment (such as catcher's gear) is shared, a coach must properly disinfect equipment prior to the next participant's use.
- Home plate meetings will be limited to the umpire and one (1) coach from each team; all must practice social distancing.
- Sealed water bottles will be supplied to each team, in lieu of coolers in the dugouts. Additionally, each participant will receive one (1) Gatorade bottle per day.

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DURING THE GAME

- Dugouts will be expanded when necessary, and we ask for your cooperation in practicing social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the dugouts and is intended to be used upon entering and exiting the dugout, including between innings.
- No spitting, sunflower seeds, peanuts in the shell or gum.
- The umpire will be positioned at least 6 feet behind the pitcher to call balls and strikes.
- Foul balls and home run balls will not be returned to gameplay.
- High-fiving and handshaking is not recommended.
- Participants (including umpires) inside the field of play are not required to wear a face covering, but may wear as desired. (Exception: If state and/or local mandates require otherwise.)

POST-GAME

- In lieu of handshaking lines, each team will line up on their respective foul line, tip their caps to the opposing team and then to their fans.
- Post-game meetings and paper reports will be eliminated.
- Gifts and awards (and rings if applicable) will be distributed to the head coach.
- Umpire evaluations will be conducted via a digital platform.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Indoor dining rooms will be closed.
- Bottled drinks and pre-packaged goods only will be served at this time. We encourage you to bring your own coolers and drinks.
- Cashless payments only will be accepted.

RETAIL

- Retail stores will be closed at this time.
- Mobile ordering will be available, with on-site pick-up available.
- Tournament Tees will have a designated outdoor pick-up area.
- No returns or exchanges.

PHOTOS

- Information regarding revised services will be communicated in pre-tournament communications and on-site.

MEDICAL TRAINERS

- Trained medical staff will be on-site for all events.

UPDATES

- As medical and governmental guidance changes, our Return to Play policies will continue to evolve. All updates will be communicated to participants in advance of their event.