

# Madison Travel Baseball

## “Play it Safe!”

### Covid—19 Operational Guide

#### **I. On Field Play**

##### **a. Rules for Players**

- Social Distancing will always be observed by each player to the extent possible throughout their time at the field
- Players must wear a face mask as a batter and as a baserunner
- Players in the field may wear a facemask at their own discretion
- No physical contact by teammates is permissible (high fives, handshakes, etc.)
- No team huddles allowed. Team meeting will take place only in areas where safe social distancing between players is feasible
- Maximum of 3 players and/or coaches in the dugout. Face masks must be worn
- Players will remain outside the fence area at a minimum of 6 feet apart when they are not on the playing field
- Each player must bring their own chair to the field and return to the same location between innings
- No sharing of any equipment is allowed. All players must provide their own equipment including bats, helmets and gloves.
- No sunflower seeds, gum or spitting is permitted
- No food is allowed inside the dugouts or on the field
- Each player will bring hand sanitizer to the field and keep it at their chair for use between innings if they touched a baseball
- Each team will use their own set of baseballs when they are in the field
- Between innings the baseballs used in play will be wiped or sprayed with sanitizer

##### **b. Rules for Coaches**

- Coaches will maintain a safe social distance from each other, the players and umpires
- Coaches must wear a mask if inside the dugout
- The Head Coach will be designated as the “point person” should an injury take place on the field. That coach will wear a mask and put on disposable gloves before approaching the player.
- Coaches will wear a disposable glove to pick up the bat for the player after each at bat
- Coaches will bring hand sanitizer to the field for use between innings
- Coaches will spray or wipe down benches after the conclusion of their game(s)
- Coaches are responsible for enforcement of social distancing guidelines for their teams

### **c. Rules for Umpires**

- Umpires will follow all social distancing guidelines as set forth by the league
- Umpires are not allowed inside the dugouts
- Home plate umpire will remain at least 6 feet away from the catcher
- Home plate umpire may call balls and strikes from behind the mound

## **II. Rules for Spectators**

### **a. Logistics**

- All fields will be clearly marked with signage for rules and reminders
- Each "Town" will have their own area/side for viewing the game, and they must remain in the area designated for the home team (Madison) and the visiting team
- White marking spray, orange cones and yellow tape may be used to section off areas to help define guidelines and areas for viewing
- Spectators must maintain a safe social distance of 6 feet or greater from each family unit as required by the State of CT
- The use of bleachers is not permitted
- No sharing of food or drink between families is allowed
- All items brought to the field must be removed from the field by each family
- Portable restrooms will be provided at all fields and cleaned regularly by the sanitation company
- Each field will have a designated "Safety Coordinator" who is responsible for reminding spectators of the rules and guidelines at our fields

### **b. Operations and Communications**

- We will communicate with the families to let them know what supplies they need to bring to the field
- Madison Residents will be required to sign a "waiver of liability" to play in the Madison Baseball program
- Parents and players will be asked to proactively report any illness to the Head Coach if a player feels ill
- If a player is sick, they are not allowed to attend a game or practice until cleared by their doctor to resume activities
- Weekly communication to our teams will provide reminders, updates and ask for information regarding possible exposure to Covid-19 in any family

### III. Supplies

We will provide each team with supplies that will help them maintain a safe environment for the players, such as:

- Hand sanitizer
- Disposable masks
- Disposable gloves
- Disinfectant wipes, sprays
- Signage
- Yellow Tape
- Marking Spray