

Sioux Falls Church Softball League

The committee along with the City Parks and Rec have agreed that the COVID-19 threat is something that we need to take very seriously, and the best way to protect yourself is to take precautions. Neither the City nor the league can protect you from possibly being exposed while participating in any organized event. This season will look different from many aspects. It will take everyone who participates in the league and those spectators that may come out to enjoy the outdoor activities with us. Everyone must be making their own voluntary decision to attend and participate in these events at their own risk. We recommend that all involved protect themselves as they see fit and respect others' decisions on how they are going to protect themselves.

Common Sense Rules

1. If you are sick or not feeling well, stay home.
2. Respect others' personal space and practice social distancing.
3. You may be asked to leave the complex if you do not respect other people or the rules that are provided.

Game Rule Changes

1. Umpires will be positioning themselves on the field as they feel is the best for themselves and the players.
2. Teams will be responsible to throw the ball into play should the ball become out of play.
3. Teams will be given balls to begin the season and ask that you retrieve your own balls that become out of play.
4. We ask that all players give space to others and social distance inside the dugout. Keep this in mind when entering or exiting the dugouts.
5. There will be no post game handshakes. Unnecessary contact with another will be considered a violation of social distance rules.
6. Teams wanting to enter the dugout will have to wait for the team leaving to be completely out of the dugout.
7. Each team will be responsible to bring own sanitizing items.
8. Signs will be posted to remind spectators and participants to social distance.
9. Coaches will be emailed these guidelines and asked to present to spectators and participants – possibly at their church services.
10. The City Park and Rec division along with the league is requiring each player that will participate to sign a release & waiver of liability which is required before play is started.
11. If the situation may arise that there is a question on a call, only the coaches will be allowed to discuss with the umpires and will be asked to stay at least 6 feet apart from all involved.
12. Scoreboards will need to be wiped down between games.
13. We encourage teams to sanitize the balls between innings of play.
14. Sanitizer will be available at each dugout for teams and umpires to use.

Sherman Park changes

- 1 All foods that require or encourage spitting such as sunflower seeds will not be permitted on the complex.
- 2 It is recommended and highly encouraged that fans socially distance themselves from others and should keep away from the dugouts and playing areas at all times
- 3 We recommend that you do not share equipment when possible. If it is needed, we ask that you sanitize the equipment. Players should bring their own food, drink, towels and chairs for their personal use.
- 4 We encourage that all people attending the league events to wear personal protection equipment as they see fit.
- 5 The City Parks and Rec will only mow the fields once per week and will paint the lines once per week.
- 6 Chalking of the diamonds will be the responsibility of the league.
- 7 The bathrooms will only be cleaned once a day and we ask that you use them with respect and care.
- 8 Water fountains may not be available throughout the season.