

The Bemidji Area Softball Association has determined that in order to hold a season, teams MUST follow these established guidelines. As a BASA team member, you have signed this waiver (on back) to play at your own risk in regards to COVID. If at any time your actions are deemed unsafe the BASA holds the right to establish an emergency board meeting to discuss the removal of you AND YOUR TEAM from the league immediately.

Basic Rules/Regulations:

1. Players or managers with any risk factors or illness should not be on the softball grounds at any point. **STAY HOME.**
2. Players, managers or spectators exhibiting symptoms or signs of an illness should not be on the softball grounds at any point. **STAY HOME.**
3. Participants and spectators should utilize the Minnesota Symptom Screener Guide prior to any on field activities.
4. All participants **MUST** sign the BASA waiver before any on field activity.
5. Players, managers and spectators will arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before their scheduled game time, and leave the field immediately following the completion of the game.
6. Absolutely no spectators past the first or third baseline - This area will be used for players, managers and umpires **ONLY** in order to allow for social distancing during games. Spectators will be expected to spectate in the outfield on the trails.
7. Players must provide accurate contact information to their managers incase of inclement weather, as well as possible sickness if anything were to arise within our association.
8. Whenever possible, players, managers and spectators should use the restroom prior to coming to the facility. We would like to limit the use of those that are on site.
9. Wearing a mask when you are able to is encouraged.

Social contact before, during and after games:

1. There will be a “no-contact, no handshake policy” to be observed until further notice. This includes all physical contact and extends to customary game-related activities, such as umpire-coach-manager introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams. Verbally communications such as “good game” should be sufficient.
2. Players will be expected to maintain social distancing (6ft apart) before and after the game, and during game when possible.
3. Spectators will be required to maintain social distancing from the fields and one another, beyond the 1st and 3rd base line.
4. Spectators are encouraged to wear masks.
5. Only 25 people per field (2 teams of 12, with one umpire, **MAX**).
6. All patrons found at the softball grounds will follow the City of Bemidji’s Preparedness Plan.

Dugout:

1. Keep a social distance apart (6 feet) in the dugout. Players and managers will be required to separate and in most cases be in and out of the dugout on the outside of the field fences to maintain this space.
2. When one team leaves a dugout, the next team will need to wait until all players have exited. They will then be allowed to enter.
3. The team leaving the dugout will then need to clean the dig out, removing open trash, especially ALL drinking containers.

Manager Responsibilities:

1. The Bemidji Softball Board will forgo all managers meetings. All information pertaining to the league or tournaments will be sent to the managers via email or text. This information will also be accessible by the Bemidji Softball League Site or Facebook Page.
2. It is your responsibility to hold **YOUR TEAM** accountable for their actions. If we see that teams are disregarding our safety plan, the BASA holds the right to schedule an immediate emergency Board Meeting to discuss the removal of the team for the remainder of the season.
3. If someone on **YOUR TEAM** has tested positive, managers need to notify the board immediately. Once this is done, that league night will be shut down for two weeks and players **MUST** self quarantine for two weeks before returning.

The Game:

1. It is recommended that a designated person be assigned by the offensive team, to be responsible for picking up the bat after it is used and sanitizing the equipment if they feel it is needed. You will have to supply your own supplies for this
2. It is recommended that spectators wear masks if they are able to.
3. No water jugs will be allowed in the dugouts. Individual players will need to supply their own water bottle, if needed.
4. New balls will be implemented for each team, for each game.

There will be a BASA Board Member available at the fields each night - Please see one if you have further questions or concerns.

We thank you for your time, patience and cooperation during all of this, we will work through this together and get further updates to you as we receive information day by day.

The Bemidji Area Softball Association

Board Members;

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