

# Adult Softball League Protocols & Guidelines



The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities, and we should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

**Participating in social activities and youth sports during the COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC carries the inherent risk of contracting the virus. The Colony Parks & Recreation Department strives to provide recreational athletic programs to our residents with the overall health and safety of all participants, spectators, volunteers and staff being our number one priority. Due to the current state surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic all participants must adhere to the guidelines below. Failure to abide by these guidelines can result in removal from the program without a refund.**

1. Participants should monitor their health; anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 or may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should stay home and consult a health care provider
2. Face masks are required for all participants and spectators; players are encouraged to arrive at games with a mask, their mask can be removed once play has begun. Spectators must wear a mask if they are not able to maintain 6 feet distance from others regardless if they are a part of your team. Those who do not wear a mask will be given a verbal warning, if addressed a second time they will be asked to leave the facility. Violation of this guideline on more than one occasion will result in your removal from the program without a refund
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4. Players should sanitize their hands before and after all games
5. Equipment, snacks, and water are not to be shared. All personal equipment should be sanitized before and after all games. The Colony PARD will provide disinfectant spray in the dugouts so that game balls can be sanitized after each inning of use
6. Sunflower seeds will not be permitted, any player found with sunflower seeds will be removed from the game
7. Game balls will not be exchanged at the plate before the game

8. Umpires will not pick up bats once a ball is hit into play, players in the on deck circle will be responsible for removing a bat if it is in the field of play
9. Please do not arrive more than 30 minutes before your game
10. All dugout benches will be off limits, each player should bring their own chair to use during the game. Additional dugout space will be available in the "bull pin" on each field to maintain social distancing
11. Public seating and benches will be off limits; spectators should bring personal chairs and seating for all schedule activities
12. Players and teams should avoid all contact when possible, this includes high fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps, and team huddles. At the end of the game teams should line up across the field and wave to the other team
13. All individuals should avoid being in groups of more than 10
14. All individuals should minimize contact with individuals not in the same household
15. All teams should leave the field and exit the facility immediately after their practice or game
16. All participants and spectators should minimize in-person contact with any person 65 years of age or older especially with pre-existing conditions, for a period of 14 days