



Wyomissing Area Softball & Baseball  
2021 COVID-19 Safety Plan

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The following policies and guidelines are an effort to protect the health and safety of your players, coaches, and families. These policies and guidelines have been developed through the guidance of the posted PIAA guidelines for outdoor non-contact sports. This safety plan is subject to change depending on any changes in the PIAA, CDC, local, or state guidelines that occur throughout the season.

1) **Waivers Required**

- a) All parents/guardians must sign a waiver that states that they reviewed and acknowledge all statements in this safety plan and that they will adhere to all provided guidelines.
- b) This signed waiver will be submitted to the Wyomissing Area Softball & Baseball board and will be required to participate in the league.
- c) Copies of signed waivers will be kept on site (Berkshire Heights) and available for review by authorized borough personnel upon request.

2) **Masks Guidelines**

Our organization, which includes Tee Ball, Softball, and Baseball, will adhere to the following when playing at Berkshire Heights, Happy Hollow, and The Mausoleum Field. These guidelines were adopted directly from the **PIAA "Return to Competition" guidelines**:

*Outdoors: Coaches, athletes (including cheerleaders), and spectators must wear face coverings if they cannot maintain sustained physical distance from persons outside of their household. This includes while actively engaged in workouts, competition, and on the sidelines, in the dugout, etc. If sustained six-foot distancing can be maintained, face coverings may be removed when outdoors.*

**Return to Competition: General Considerations for Baseball,  
Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA),  
National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS),  
Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)**

3) **Social Distancing Guidelines**

- a) No handshakes, high-fives, or unnecessary contact between players and or coaches.
  - i) No end of game hand slapping allowed, teams are expected to line up on their foul line and celebrate the opposing team in a fun and respectful way.
- b) Pre-game conferences should be limited to one coach from each team and the umpire while maintaining a 6' distance between everyone.
- c) Team huddles or gatherings should be avoided as much as possible.



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- i) Encourage players to keep proper distance during any huddles. Minimize the frequency and duration of any meetings.
  - d) 6 feet distance between players is expected on bench areas.
    - i) In the event that space is limited, other social distancing arrangements will be made, specifically, players bring their own chair to games to make distancing easier.
  - e) All spectators are expected to follow social distancing guidelines. It is recommended that spectators bring their own chair so social distancing is easier to obtain.
- 4) **Food and Snacks**
  - a) No sunflower seeds, gum, or shared drinks are allowed. Spitting is prohibited.
  - b) Teams are prohibited from eating post-game snacks at the field.
- 5) **Equipment**
  - a) Players are prohibited from sharing each other's personal equipment (gloves, batting gloves, helmets, fielder's masks, catchers gear, water bottle, etc.).
  - b) All shared team bats must be sanitized after each use by a coach.
- 6) **Hand and Equipment Sanitizing Supplies**
  - a) Wyomissing Area Softball & Baseball will provide sanitizing supplies at the fields and locating them in areas that are easily accessible to teams and all in attendance.
- 7) **Health Guidelines**
  - a) Parents are first and foremost responsible for monitoring the health of their player and reporting and issues to their coach.
  - b) Parents should take their player's temperature before leaving for games and practices.
  - c) If a coach notices a player displaying symptoms of COVID-19, or a player becomes ill during games or practices, that player must be removed immediately and leave the field.
  - d) Should a coach, player, or parent have any symptoms related to COVID-19 they should not attend games or practices. In addition, if anyone in their household has symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 they should not attend games or practices.
  - e) All CDC health guidelines must be followed at all times.
  - f) Any coach that has been advised of a positive COVID-19 test within their team must inform the Wyomissing Area Softball & Baseball board so an investigation can take place into possible transmission to other teams.