



CEDAR CLIFF YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



COVID-19 Safety Protocols

The following are the CCYBA Safety guidelines for the Spring/Summer 2020 Baseball season. Our main focus is to continue play while maintaining safety for everyone involved. This can only be accomplished with full cooperation and following these guidelines during practices and games. Please be considerate and responsible to each other while doing the best to follow the safety guidelines and self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms.

1. Screenings before arriving for baseball activities
 - All parents will be held responsible for their children.
 - Assess wellness of child before participating in any baseball activity.
 - Please encourage your children not to touch their faces and wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer.
 - Communicate temperature reading if above 100 to your child's manager.
 - ALL Players, Coaches, Parents, and Spectators are required to self-screen prior to arriving to activities.
 - i. Take temperature before attending any baseball activity. Reading over 100 is an automatic NO PARTICIPATION reading for any baseball activity. Please do not give Tylenol, etc. to bring the temperature down. Temperature reading must be below 100 for 72 hours. Within the last 72 hours, none of these COVID-symptoms should be present (along with a temperature over 100): cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting, rash or diarrhea.
2. Arrival Protocols for Baseball Activities
 - Parents should abide by social distancing protocols as much as possible.
 - It is best that spectators use their own lawn chairs and be respectful of social distancing by families.
 - Players must bring their own water bottle/beverage to consume during and after baseball activities. Sharing of water bottles/drinks and snacks is prohibited.
3. Equipment Disinfecting [baseball gear for players / handling field maintenance gear]
 - Coaches must disinfect shared equipment before and after each practice.
 - Players should use their own equipment (helmets and bats) as much as possible.

4. Training / Protocols for Coaches

- Coaches must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.
- No spitting or eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.
- No touch rule – coaches should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A “tip the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- Coaches should ensure the players are adhering to social distancing within and around the dugouts.
- Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper disinfecting should be administered between users.

5. Practice Protocols [before practice / during / after]

- Players must spread out their baseball bags/equipment.
- For each practice session, it is recommended that coaches divide players into groups and establish rotating shifts when possible.
- Baseballs and other baseball equipment must be disinfected after practices and games.

6. Game Protocols [pre-game / in-game / post-game]

- Pre Game:
 - i. Coaches are to ensure that players are distanced within the dugouts.
 1. Up to 5 players are permitted and need to be separated while sitting on the bench.
 2. Up to 5 players can be standing along the fence while maintaining social distancing.
 3. One player in the on-deck area and another at bat.
- In-Game
 - i. Because of COVID-19, coaches must understand that the goal of this season is to ensure every player has fun and some return to “normalcy.” Coaches who willfully violate these protocols must meet with the CCYBA Board before being allowed to coach again.
 - ii. No coaches will be allowed on the field to disagree or argue a call. Coaches must call the umpire towards their dugout with questions and remain 6’ away.
 - iii. Base coaches should do their very best to remain 6’ away from players (runners and infielders). Coaches cannot touch a runner or player on the field.
 - iv. Adult umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still able to perform their duty or call the game from behind the mound. This will be the choice of adult umpires. Youth/Teenage umpires will call the game from behind the mound.

- Post-Game
 - i. Postgame handshakes or physical interaction between teams are prohibited. Please teach the players while practicing social distancing to tip their hats to their opponents from their respective side of fencing.
 - ii. When games end, the leaving team must disinfect their dugout area and baseball equipment. Please refer to the checklist to ensure all protocols are followed.
 - iii. All groundskeeping equipment used before the game and after must be disinfected.

7. Dugout / Facility / Park Protocols

- Fans should keep six feet of social distancing between different household units. No fan seating or standing is allowed in the area from behind home plate to six feet past the far end of each dugout.
- Fans and spectators must not enter player areas (on the field of play or bench areas).

8. Concessions

- Concession stands may be open but with limited amount of drinks, candy and individually wrapped snacks available. While standing in line at concessions social distancing guidelines will apply.

9. PPE

- CCYBA will supply hand sanitizer at all field locations; however, it is recommended that each athlete should bring their own sanitizer if possible.
- CCYBA will make available gloves for coaches to disinfect baseball equipment, dugouts, bleachers, etc.